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Decision No. 84816

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC SOUTHWEST  
AIRLINES for authority to in  
increase its passenger air  
fares.

) Application No. 55160  
) (Filed September 11, 1974;  
) amended March 7 and 20,  
) July 8, 1975.)  
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ORDER DENYING REHEARING

In its application filed herein, as amended, Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) has sought authority to increase its air fares by 18.5% and has requested interim fare relief pending the Commission's final determinations in this proceeding.

Hearings were held on March 17, and April 1 and 2, 1975.

In Decision No. 84544, an Interim Opinion and Order issued June 17, 1975, PSA was granted interim authority to increase its fares by 6.5 percent, pending final resolution of the issues in this proceeding. PSA filed a petition for rehearing of Decision No. 84544 on June 27, 1975.

On July 8, 1975, PSA further amended its requested relief to the above noted 18.5%, together with a request for additional interim relief to offset the effect of its increased fuel costs. The Commission granted this request for further interim relief in the Second Interim Opinion, Decision No. 84767, issued August 5, 1975.

In its petition for rehearing of Decision No. 84544, PSA has alleged numerous errors with respect to the Commission's treatment of PSA's L-1011 aircraft and the rate of

return resulting from the interim relief granted in Decision No. 84544. PSA requested that the 6.5 percent interim fare increase be continued, but that rehearing be granted with respect to (1) the Commission's exclusion of its L-1011's from its rate base and the costs thereof from the adopted results of operations, and (2) the alleged reduction of its rate of return resulting from this interim fare increase.

In Decision No. 84544, it was clearly noted that this proceeding will remain open for the receipt of evidence on a number of issues, including those issues regarding PSA's L-1011 aircraft. Accordingly, it would appear that the relief requested by PSA in its petition for rehearing is for essentially the relief which will be considered in further proceedings already contemplated in this matter. Its arguments addressed to the Interim Opinion and Order in Decision No. 84544 are premature.

IT IS ORDERED that rehearing of Decision No. 84544 is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1975.

*I dissent.*  
*William Symons Jr.*, Commissioner

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President

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Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.