

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 85176

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Ex-Parte
Application of GOLDEN WEST
AIRLINES, INC. for a Certificate
of Public Convenience and
Necessity.

Application No. 55883
(Filed August 22, 1975; amended
September 15, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Golden West Airlines, Inc. (Golden West) requests authority to extend its passenger air carrier service to serve Trona on a flagstop (on-call) basis. No protests to the granting of the application have been received.

Golden West presently operates as a passenger air carrier between points in southern California the northern-most point being Inyokern, the closest service point to Trona. Golden West serves between LAX and Inyokern directly and with intermediate point service at Palmdale and Mojave. The application states that Golden West has been requested to extend this service to Trona by and primarily for the benefit of personnel of the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation (Kerr) which anticipates that construction of its new plant in the Trona area will be completed by October 1975. Kerr also anticipates that for the next 3 years between 15 and 25 of its employees per week will require passenger air carrier service between Trona and LAX. The application states that Kerr has agreed to guarantee the increased direct operating costs plus 10 percent to Golden West for providing the extension of service between the Inyokern airport and the Trona airport. Ground handling services and costs required at the Trona airport will be furnished and paid for by Kerr. There is no air carrier service between Trona and LAX of the type which Golden West intends to provide. Golden West will provide the requested service

using a DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft and contends that it has the necessary equipment and financial ability to provide the service. Seats will be on a reservation basis on published scheduled flights that will operate only when there are passengers to embark or deplane at Trona. Fare between LAX and Trona will be \$39.82 per passenger. Attached to the application is a letter from the Director of Transportation of Kerr attesting to the need for the requested service.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the modification of Golden West's certificate as requested in the application. The Commission further finds that the project involved in the application will not with reasonable certainty have a significant effect on the environment. A public hearing is not necessary.

Applicant is placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Golden West Airlines, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a passenger air carrier, as defined in Section 2741 of the Public Utilities Code, to serve Trona in connection with the routes set forth under Route 8 of Appendix A of Decision No. 77323, as amended by Decision No. 84255.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 77323, as heretofore amended, is further amended by incorporating Ninth Revised page 2 and Eleventh Revised page 3, attached hereto, in revision of Eighth Revised page 2 and Tenth Revised page 3.


3. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations. Failure so to do may result in a cancellation of the authority.

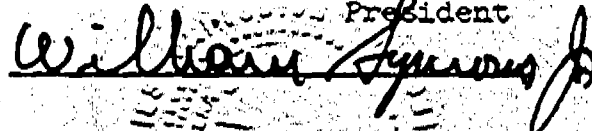
- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted. By accepting the certificate applicant is placed on notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with the requirements of the Commission's General Orders Nos. 120-Series and 129-Series.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall establish the authorized service and file tariffs, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- (c) The tariff filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the authorized service.


- (d) The tariff filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 105-Series.

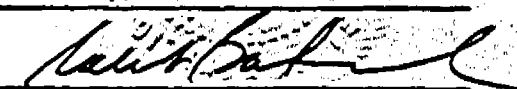
The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th
day of NOVEMBER, 1975.



President






Commissioners

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

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Route 6. Los Angeles - Catalina Island

Intermediate Point: Long Beach

LAX - LGB
LGB - SXC
*LAX - SXC (via LGB)
LAX - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15)
LGB - AVX
LGB - TWH

Route 7. Orange County/Santa Ana - Catalina Island

SNA - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15 each year)

#Route 8. Los Angeles - Inyokern

Intermediate Points: Palmdale, Mojave, Trona

LAX - INY	PMD - MEV (Closed door only)
LAX - MEV (f)	##LAX - TRO (f)
INY - MEV (f)	##INY - TRO (f)
LAX - PMD	##PMD - TRO (f)
PMD - INY	##MEV - TRO (f)

Conditions:

1. Authority granted herein is limited to passenger air carrier operations over the specific routes and between the airport pairs listed thereunder as described above.
2. Operation between an airport on one route and an airport on any other route shall not be provided except through an airport that is common to the two routes.
3. Airport pairs marked with "*" shall be served only via intermediate point or points shown.
4. On each route each airport shall be served with a minimum of one flight in each direction on each of the five days a week except LAX-PMD which will be served with a minimum of two flights in each direction on each of the five days a week.
5. Points designated (f) receive flag stop service only.

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#Revised or ## added by Decision No. 85476, Application No. 55883.

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Conditions: (Cont.)

6. Carrier shall not overfly an airport designated as a flag stop (f) if a passenger is in possession of a purchased ticket and confirmed reservation one hour or longer before the scheduled departure time from that airport on the flight on which the passenger holds a confirmed reservation.
7. No aircraft having more than 30 revenue passenger seats or a payload of more than 7,500 pounds shall be operated.
8. The following airports shall be used:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>
SEA	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Municipal Airport
OXR	Oxnard	Oxnard/Ventura Airport
LAX	Los Angeles	Los Angeles International Airport
ONT	Ontario	Ontario International
RAL	Riverside	Riverside Municipal Airport
LGB	Long Beach	Long Beach International Airport
FUL	Fullerton	Fullerton Municipal Airport
SNA	Santa Ana	Orange County Airport
SXC	Catalina Island	Airport-In-The-Sky, Hilltop
TWE	Catalina Island	Two Harbors (Seaplane Operations)
AVX	Catalina Island	Avalon Bay (Seaplane Operations)
SET	Colton/San Bernardino	(Airport to be determined)
MEV	Mojave	Mojave Airport
INY	Inyokern	Kern County Airport No. 8
PMD	Palmdale	U. S. Air Force Plant No. 42
#TRO	Trona	Trona Airport

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