

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 85343

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of HUGHES AIR CORP.
dba HUGHES AIRWEST for authority
to increase certain intrastate
passenger fares.

Application No. 55698
(Filed May 23, 1975;
amended June 25, 1975)

FINAL ORDER

Hughes Air Corp., doing business as Hughes Airwest, was authorized by Decision No. 84660 dated July 8, 1975 to establish the increased and reduced fares proposed therein on an interim basis. That decision states that the authority granted was interim in nature because the corresponding fares of competing airlines are interim fares; and because the Commission's Transportation Division staff had indicated that it intended to prepare an economic study of Hughes Airwest's California intrastate operations for introduction in this proceeding, which study would be completed on or about September 15, 1975.

Since the issuance of Decision No. 84660, Pacific Southwest Airlines, Air California, Western Air Lines, Inc., and United Air Lines, Inc. have been authorized to increase air fares above the levels which Hughes Airwest was authorized to match in that decision. The Commission staff studies directed to the overall structure for jet airline fares in California will not be completed as indicated in Decision No. 84660, but will be introduced in the next general fare increase proceeding.

In the circumstances, the Commission concludes that the interim authority granted in Decision No. 84660 should be made final.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The interim authority granted to Hughes Air Corp., doing business as Hughes Airwest, in Decision No. 84660 is hereby made final.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may 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 to the public.

3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the date hereof.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of JANUARY, 1976.

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