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Decision No. 89373

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Swift Aire Lines, )	
Inc. under the Shortened Proce- )	
dure Tariff Docket to make in- )	Shortened Procedure
creases in Swift Aire's Air )	Tariff Docket
Freight Tariff, California Public )	Application No. 58260
Utilities Commission No. 2 by )	(Filed July 31, 1978)
modifying basic weight charges and)	
establishing Special Commodity )	
Rates. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Swift Aire Lines, Inc., a corporation, seeks authority to increase its general commodity air freight rate and minimum charge; also to establish special commodity rates for certain shipments in its Air Freight Tariff, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2.

Applicant declares that due to the size of its aircraft and the ground facilities at the airports served, freight carried is of the small parcel, counter to counter, high priority type; all charged at a single commodity rate, between any point served at 10 cents per pound with a \$7.50 minimum charge. The majority of items carried are charged at the \$7.50 minimum.

Applicant states that due to cost escalations in all aspects of the industry, including but not limited, to the processing and physical handling of air freight, it requests that its general commodity air freight rate be increased to 15 cents per pound with a minimum charge of \$10.00 per shipment. Applicant further requests that due to the increased costs of handling certain articles, that special commodity rates be established on the basis of 200 percent of the requested general commodity air freight rate. The articles are: live animals; live fish; flowers, live and/or cut; fresh fruit; meat, fresh and/or frozen; human remains; live lobsters and live poultry.

Applicant estimates that in the event this application is granted, annual revenue would increase by approximately \$22,500 and in no event would the proposed rates and charges increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 2, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Swift Aire Lines, Inc. is hereby authorized to publish increases in its Air Freight Tariff Cal. P.U.C. No. 2, as specifically proposed in its application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and 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 herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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This order shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman  
President  
William S. ...  
Vernon L. ...  
Charles D. ...

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Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dodrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.