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Decision No. <u>\$9374</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Application of Transwest Air Express for an ex parte Order to increase its intrastate air freight rates.

Application No. 58265 (Filed July 28, 1978)

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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Transwest Air Express, a common carrier by air of property operating between the airports of San Francisco and Los Angeles, seeks authority to increase its air freight rates by approximately 14 percent.

According to an operating statement for the accounting period of April 1, 1977, through March 31, 1978, applicant suffered an operating loss of \$17,909 on its intrastate business and an operating ratio of 103.2. Applicant's rates have not been adjusted since they were established February 10, 1977.

Exhibit B attached to the application discloses that had the sought rates been in effect during the accounting period a profit of \$28,994 and an operating ratio of 95.2 would have been realized by applicant on its California intrastate traffic.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 4, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and 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. Transwest Air Express is hereby authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 58265.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective

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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 granted by the order herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

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

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