

Decision No. 37739

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
L. H. GUEST, doing business as) Application No. 24261
LAKEVIEW TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, for) Third Supplemental
authority to suspend operations.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORIGINAL

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

This is an application of L. H. Guest, doing business as Lakeview Transportation Company, seeking authority from the Commission to suspend, for a period of six months, passenger stage service between Taft and Gardner Field, and between Ford City and Gardner Field, authorized by Decision No. 34675.

The United States Army Air Field is located at Gardner Field, approximately nine miles southeasterly from Taft. Until about February 20, 1945, it had been occupied as a pilot training base by the United States Army, with a large military and civilian personnel stationed there. Applicant assigns the following reasons as justification for the proposed suspension of service:

1. On or about February 20, 1945 the Army discontinued pilot training at Gardner Field and evacuated practically all military and civilian personnel.
2. The present population is approximately 170, of whom 100 are civilians living in Taft and Ford City, and 70 are military personnel, living on the post.
3. In order to supply the service needed for 80 civilian commuters, two 40-passenger buses would be necessary, to operate which would entail a monthly loss of \$300.

4. Operating revenue for the three months ending March 1, 1945 is given as follows:

December	1944	\$4,899.95
January	1945	4,144.65
February	1945	1,880.65

For the first two days of March, revenues totalled \$20.

Applicant is unable at this time to predict when the post will be re-activated, if at all, or what will be the extent of such re-activation. However, he expresses a willingness to stand by for a period of six months and to resume service any time the circumstances justify and require it.

Copies of this application have been forwarded to the Commanding Officer of Gardner Field, the Taft Chamber of Commerce, and the City Council of Taft. No protest from any source has been filed with the Commission objecting to the proposed suspension of service.

We are of the opinion, and so find, that the reasons set forth by applicant are sufficient to justify authorization of a temporary discontinuance of the service hereinabove described, and the application will be granted. No need appears for a public hearing.

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

The above entitled matter having been fully considered, and the Commission being duly advised therein,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That L. H. Guest, doing business as Lakeview Transportation Company, is hereby authorized to discontinue, until

October 1, 1945, all passenger stage service between the points named in Decision No. 34675; provided, however, that at any time prior to said date applicant may, in his discretion, resume the operation of said service.

(2) That in the exercise of the authority herein granted, applicant shall observe the following service regulations:

1. Applicant shall immediately supplement his tariffs and time tables to indicate the suspension of service herein authorized.
2. The service herein authorized to be suspended, may be resumed by applicant at any time upon notice to the Commission and the public which shall be given not less than one (1) day prior to the expiration of the suspension period hereinabove specified, or of such extension thereof as may be granted by further order.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of March, 1945.

L. Harold Gudwin

Richard Schaefer
Frank W. Davis

Irving H. Powell
COMMISSIONERS