

Decision No. 38095

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
RANKIN AERONAUTICAL ACADEMY for )	
authority to abandon passenger stage )	Application No. 26778
service between Tulare and Rankin )	
Aeronautical Academy. )	

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Rankin Aeronautical Academy seeks authority to discontinue the operation of the passenger stage service, which it has conducted between Tulare and Rankin Aeronautical Academy, situated approximately eight miles southeast of Tulare. Pursuant to the Commission's authorization, applicant acquired this operative right from Orange Belt Stages, Inc. The certificate was issued primarily to supply a public transportation service between Tulare and a private air cadet training school maintained by the Academy under a contract with the United States Army Air Forces. This contract, applicant alleges, has been cancelled, effective on or about June 27, 1945; and the buildings at the field, now owned by Defense Plant Corporation, will be vacated within thirty days thereafter. Thereupon the Academy expects to liquidate its affairs. The Commission has been advised by the Commanding Officer of the

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(1) By Decision No. 36888, rendered February 15, 1944, in Application No. 25957, Rankin Aeronautical Academy was permitted to acquire from Orange Belt Stages, Inc., an operative right as a passenger stage corporation under which it could engage in the transportation of passengers, baggage and express (subject to certain limitations therein prescribed) between Tulare and Rankin Aeronautical Academy. A certificate authorizing this operation was granted to Orange Belt Stages, Inc., by Decision No. 34289 of June 10, 1941, in Application No. 24085.

Air Corps Base Unit at Tulare that there no longer is any need for maintaining this service. Accordingly, the application will be granted. This is not a matter requiring a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled, and the Commission having duly considered the matter,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That Rankin Aeronautical Academy be and it hereby is authorized to discontinue and abandon operation as a passenger stage corporation, as defined by Section 24, Public Utilities Act, between Tulare and Rankin Aeronautical Academy, situated approximately eight miles southeast of Tulare.

(2) That the certificate authorizing said operation, granted by Decision No. 34289, in Application No. 24085, and thereafter acquired by Rankin Aeronautical Academy pursuant to Decision No. 36888, in Application No. 25957, be and it hereby is revoked and annulled.

(3) That any and all tariffs and time schedules filed with the Commission by applicant, and currently in effect, be and

they are, and each of them is, hereby cancelled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 1945.

David Rubin

Justin F. Green

Francis Egan

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