

Decision No. 38587

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
L. H. GUEST, doing business as)
LAKEVIEW TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, for)
authority to discontinue the service)
and abandon the operation.)

Application No. 27058

O P I N I O N

The applicant herein was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of passenger and their baggage between Taft, on the one hand, and Ford City and Gardner Field, on the other hand. ⁽¹⁾ Upon formal request of applicant, filed on March 3, 1945, the Commission ordered that the service be discontinued until October 1, 1945, due to the fact that the Army had ceased its activities at Gardner Field and had evacuated practically all military and civilian personnel.

During the intervening months applicant alleged that he was ready and willing to resume the service, but no occasion for such resumption has occurred.

In view of these circumstances applicant now requests that he be authorized to discontinue and abandon the operation entirely, and assigns the following reasons as justification therefor:

On or about February 20, 1945, the Army discontinued pilot training at Gardner Field and evacuated practically all military and civilian personnel.

(1) Decision No. 34675, dated October 14, 1941, Application No. 24261.

That applicant is informed on reliable information that the present population at Gardner Field is approximately ninety-two civilians and eight military personnel. Some of the civilians are staying on the post, and arrangements have been made for the others whereby most of them double up in their cars in order to go to and from Gardner Field.

That gas rationing has been discontinued and that the present employees and/or civilian personnel have made arrangements of their own by which they can go to and from Gardner Field in their own cars.

In order to supply the service needed for an estimated ten to fifteen civilian commuters, one bus would be necessary, to operate which would entail a monthly loss of from \$500 to \$600; and there is a serious question in applicant's mind that any passengers at all would use the bus daily.

That it is the applicant's opinion, and he has been informed, that the post probably will not be re-activated at all, and that there is no need for any bus service.

The Commanding Officer at Gardner Field states that, in his opinion, the continuation of this service between Taft, Ford City and Gardner would result in an out-of-pocket loss to the operator. His conclusion is based on the fact that there are only approximately 125 persons, military and civilian, employed at the Field and future reductions are probable.

It appears that the request of applicant is reasonable and proper and the application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

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IT IS ORDERED that L. H. Guest be, and he hereby is authorized to discontinue and abandon his operation as a passenger stage corporation between Taft, on the one hand, and Ford City and Gardner Field, on the other hand, as authorized by Decision No. 34675

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the operative right created by Decision No. 34675 be, and it hereby is, revoked and annulled and all tariffs and time schedules filed thereunder be cancelled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December, 1940.

L. Harold Culver
Justin F. Callahan
Frederic W. ...
James H. ...
Harold P. Hule
 COMMISSIONERS