

Decision No. 85589

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of BIRDIE AIRLINES, INC.,)
 a Delaware corporation, doing)
 business as LOS ANGELES HELICOPTER)
 SERVICE, for a certificate of Public)
 Convenience and Necessity to provide)
 scheduled passenger air service)
 between Los Angeles International)
 Airport, Hollywood-Burbank Airport)
 downtown Los Angeles and the City of)
 Commerce.)

Application No. 54554

ORDER SUSPENDING TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Los Angeles Helicopter Airlines (LAH), formerly Birdie Airlines, Inc., dba Los Angeles Helicopter Service, holds a temporary Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by this Commission to operate as a passenger air carrier in California until September 1, 1976. The temporary certificate was originally issued for a period of one year by Decision 33453, dated September 17, 1974, in Application 54554, and an extension granted for an additional year by Decision 34875, dated September 3, 1975.

The Executive Director of the Commission, on February 4, 1976, served LAH with a notice to cease all current commercial operations as an air carrier in California unless evidence of insurance as required by General Order 120-C is filed on or before March 4, 1976.

LAH does not presently have on file with this Commission evidence of liability protection insurance as required by the Commission's General Order 120-C, and Public Utilities Code Section 2764. Its liability insurance was terminated effective March 4, 1976.

Section 2754 states:

"The commission shall require all passenger air carriers to procure and maintain a minimum amount of insurance in such amounts as the commission may determine.

"The commission may, upon its own motion, or upon application of any interested party, and after hearing, require any passenger air carrier to procure and maintain additional insurance in such amounts and upon such terms as the commission may determine.

"Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2755 of this chapter, the commission may at any time suspend the certificate of any passenger air carrier for failure to comply with the insurance regulations established pursuant to this section."

The Commission finds that LAH has no evidence of insurance on file with the Commission as required by General Order 120-C and Public Utilities Code Section 2764.

IT IS ORDERED that:

The temporary Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Los Angeles Helicopter Airlines, formerly Birdie Airlines, Inc., is hereby suspended until further order of the Commission.


A certified copy of this order shall be mailed to:

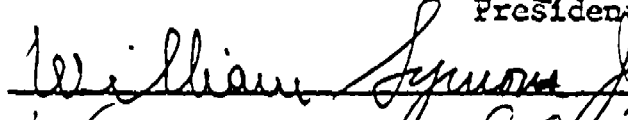

Mr. Stephen Ellis, President
Los Angeles Helicopter Airlines
Box 90899 - Airport Station
Los Angeles, CA 90009


A. 54554 TLR

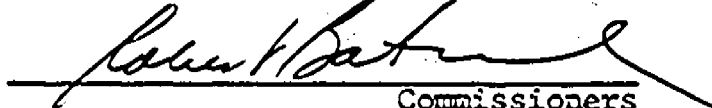
The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day
of MARCH, 1976.



President



Vernon L. Sturgeon


Ron


Commissioners