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Decision No. 86525

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Golden West Airlines, Inc.,  
for a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity.

Application No. 51216  
(Petition filed July 25, 1972)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 84359 (1975)  
AND TERMINATING APPLICATION NO. 51216

By Petition filed July 25, 1972 in Application No. 51216, Golden West Airlines, Inc., requested modification of Decision No. 79244, so as to provide service to Colton/San Bernardino through Norton Air Force Base, rather than through Tri-City Airport. The proprietors of Tri-City had terminated applicant's authority to operate to and from that airport. In addition the Federal Aviation Administration had directed applicant to discontinue any operations under instrument flight conditions at Tri-City. Applicant has not been able to obtain authority from the federal government to utilize Norton Air Force Base.

Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision No. 84359 reads as follows:

- "5. A public hearing shall be held at a time and place to be set to determine the ability of Golden West Airlines, Inc., to serve Colton/San Bernardino, including a suitable airport to be used, and, if such ability is not shown, to determine whether Colton/San Bernardino should be deleted from its operating authority."

On July 25, 1976, the Transportation Division issued its Fourth Supplemental Advice of Participation in this matter, the body of which reads as follows:

"The Air Planning Unit staff has conducted a field investigation in the matter of Golden West Airlines' (GWA) service to Colton/San Bernardino. GWA is ready, willing and able to initiate air passenger service to San Bernardino as soon as a suitable airport is available. The San Bernardino Area Governments (SANBAG) has applied for a federal grant to study the best site for an airport. SANBAG is proceeding with its share of the study by compiling data relative to the airport needs of the community. An independent consultant has been selected to conduct the study and recommend the best site.

"The Transportation Division recommends that an Order be issued regarding the above petition that GWA's authority to serve Colton/San Bernardino be revised to expire September 1, 1977 unless prior to that date GWA has reestablished service at San Bernardino."

It is clear from the facts presented by applicant and the staff that applicant will not be permitted to land at Colton/San Bernardino in the near future.<sup>1/</sup> Ordinarily, our procedure has been to require deletion of unserved points from passenger air carrier certificates. However, such procedure is not warranted in this instance where circumstances are entirely beyond applicant's control. Applicant will be expected to reinstate service as soon as an airport is available. It should be required to report periodically to the Commission in this regard. No good purpose would be served by holding a hearing in the matter at this time. Upon further consideration, Ordering Paragraph 5 of

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<sup>1/</sup> Service by applicant is available at Ontario and Riverside airports. Those airports are approximately 14 miles and 15 miles, respectively, from downtown San Bernardino. They are approximately 16 miles and 12 miles, respectively, from Colton.



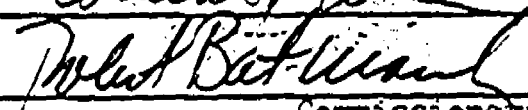
Decision No. 84359 should be rescinded, and the petition filed July 25, 1972 in Application No. 51216 should be terminated.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision No. 84359 is rescinded.
2. The petition filed July 25, 1972 in Application No. 51216 is terminated.
3. Golden West Airlines, Inc. is directed to inform the Commission in writing on or before January 15 and July 15 of each year of the future availability or unavailability of a suitable airport at Colton/San Bernardino.
4. The Executive Director is directed to mail a certified copy of this order to Henry R. Voss, Executive Vice President, Golden West Airlines, Inc., 4200 Campus Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, last known address as shown on the Commission's records.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of OCTOBER, 1976.

  
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President  
  
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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.