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Decision No. 87180

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC SEABOARD
 AIRLINES, INC., a California
 Corporation, dba: BAY AREA
 HELICOPTER AIRLINES, for a cer-
 tificate of public convenience and
 necessity to provide scheduled air
 service between San Francisco
 International Airport, Oakland
 Airport, Marin County Heliport
 and Emeryville Heliport.
 (Amended Title)

Application No. 56814
 (Filed October 18, 1976;
 amended March 1, 1977)

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE

Pacific Seaboard Airlines, Inc., doing business as Bay Area Helicopter Airlines (Pacific Seaboard), seeks a certificate to operate as a passenger air carrier between Oakland International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, and heliports to be located in downtown San Francisco, Marin County and Emeryville, using helicopter equipment.

By amendment to its application filed March 1, 1977, Pacific Seaboard requests that a temporary certificate immediately be granted by ex parte order authorizing it to provide scheduled air service between the following points: San Francisco International Airport, a downtown San Francisco Heliport, Marin County Heliport, and Emeryville Heliport.

The request for an immediate ex parte order granting the relief should be denied for the following reasons: Public hearing in Application No. 56814 has been held on a common record with the applications of other airlines seeking certificates to operate as passenger air carriers between San Francisco and Oakland. The applications are submitted subject to the filing of concurrent closing briefs on or before March 31, 1977. The evidence adduced in connection with Application No. 56814 indicates that Pacific Seaboard possesses no helicopters of the type it proposes to operate in the San Francisco Bay Area, and that it has no arrangements for terminal or counterspace at San Francisco International Airport or Marin County Heliport. Proposed operations at Marin County Heliport are protested by adjacent homeowners on the basis of excessive noise levels. There is no existing heliport in downtown San Francisco. It is apparent that Pacific Seaboard does not possess the equipment and facilities to immediately commence service between the points in question. Moreover, the presiding examiner ruled that additional evidence should be received with respect to environmental issues pursuant to Rule 17.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure before a certificate for helicopter airline service, as requested in Application No. 56814, is granted.

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IT IS ORDERED that the request of Pacific Seaboard Airlines, Inc., doing business as Bay Area Helicopter Airlines, for a temporary certificate to operate as a passenger air carrier, as set forth in the amendment to Application No. 56814, filed March 1, 1977, is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at Sacramento, California, this 5th day of APRIL 1, 1977.

Robert Belmont
President
William J. Squitieri, Jr.
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Commissioners