

Decision No. 87407 June 1, 1977

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of NOR-CAL AVIATION, INC. } to acquire routes and related assets } of MARIN AVIATION, INC. }	Application No. 57048 (Filed February 2, 1977; amended March 29, 1977)
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ORDER ON MOTION

By this application, Nor-Cal Aviation, Inc. (Nor-Cal) seeks authority to acquire Marin Aviation, Inc. (Marin). Public hearing was held April 11 through 14, 1977 at San Francisco on a consolidated record with Case No. 10287, an investigation of the operations and practices of Marin. The consolidated matters were submitted April 22, 1977. Pending a final decision Marin moves that the Commission authorize it to operate Nor-Cal. Marin alleges financial hardship and asserts that its operation of Nor-Cal will permit it to expand its routes and obtain additional financing.

The proposed transfer is opposed by the Commission staff, by Stol Air, Eureka Aero Industries, and Loomis Courier Service. The granting of the motion would have the effect of permitting the combined operations of Nor-Cal and Marin, which is the object of this application. Opponents argue that the motion should be denied because the proposed takeover, in light of Marin's precarious financial condition would jeopardize the maintenance of passenger air carrier

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service on Nor-Cal's routes. As the entire case is now submitted for final decision, we feel that it is inappropriate to grant the motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of JUNE, 1977.

*L. dissent.
William Lyons Jr.*

Commissioner

Robert Belmont
President

Yegor L. Sturgen
Richard D. Travalle

Commissioners