

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

OZARK BACKS SINGLE-ENGINEED SERVICE AS PARKS ROUTE APPLICANT:

Ozark Airlines today told CAB Examiner Ralph L. Wiser that use of single-engined planes on feederline routes would "take aviation service back to the grassroots...and bring to all but the smallest villages the advantages of air transportation." Ozark is an applicant for feeder routes originally awarded to Parks Air Lines but never activated. Ozark proposes to operate the Parks routes with five-place single-engined Cessna 195 equipment.

Ozark officials said that in previously operating an intrastate service in Missouri they found that "very few passengers object to the single-engined airplane if it is comfortable, fast and roomy, and that the lack of an extra engine is offset by the ease with which it can be landed in most cleared spaces in the event of an emergency." They pointed out that the expansion of airports has not kept pace with that of the transports used by trunkline air carriers, "and it will probably be several years before a majority of the cities will have facilities adequate for the use of such equipment."

They said the low initial cost of the Cessna 195, the greatly reduced maintenance costs and the flexibility of operations this type of airplane permits "will enable Ozark to give the maximum service to the communities to be served at a very low cost to the government." Laddie H. D. Hamilton, president, said Ozark's total operating costs would be slightly over 31¢ per revenue mile, and that with a 50% passenger load factor and 85% schedule completion factor the break-even mail pay need would be 0.1774¢ per mile.

TRANS-TEXAS ASKS CAB FOR STATISTICAL STUDIES:

Trans-Texas Airways has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board to supply as evidence studies on which the Board "made certain findings and reached certain conclusions" which ultimately led to the current show cause proceeding involving possible termination of Trans-Texas' certificate next May. The substance of these studies and analyses is unknown, TTA declared, adding "they should be supplied to permit it to properly meet the issues in this proceeding." Among specific data requested were: (1) studies which led CAB to the conclusion that "there appear to be no feasible readjustments which offer any likelihood of improving Trans-Texas' commercial revenue cost ratio;" (2) data used to conclude tentatively that TTA's certificate should be allowed to expire; and (3) data used in arriving at conclusions with respect to TTA's value to the Post Office, national defense, and to the development of an adequate system of air transportation.

NWA AUTHORIZED TO SERVE BELOIT-JANESVILLE TEMPORARILY:

The Civil Aeronautics Board has temporarily authorized Northwest Airlines to serve Beloit-Janesville, Wis., as an intermediate point between Milwaukee and Madison on NWA's Route 3. In a short opinion, the Board concurred generally in the conclusions reached by Examiner James S. Keith (DAILY, July 6), except with respect to time limitations. With certificated feeder service to the points an issue in the Parks Investigation Case, the NWA authorization is merely to provide interim service until a decision is reached in the Parks Case. Minimum period, however, is one year and maximum, three years.

EAL APPLIES FOR DALLAS-HOUSTON ROUTE NOW SERVED BY TTA:

Eastern Air Lines today asked CAB for an extension of its Route 5 from Houston to Dallas via intermediate points currently served by Trans-Texas Airways. Filing followed an announcement by Eastern at the recent prehearing conference in the Trans-Texas Certificate Renewal Case that it desired to be considered for the Dallas-Houston segment of TTA's routes, in the event the latter's certificate is allowed to expire next May. Eastern also requested the Board to consolidate the route application with the TTA Renewal docket or, in the alternative, amend the show cause order issued to Trans-Texas to direct Eastern to show cause why its certificate shouldn't be amended to include the Houston-Dallas segment. The move should provide the Board with the "widest possible latitude in providing for needed service," Eastern said.