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The Civil Aeronautics Board announced September 3, 1942 that it would carry to decision all proceedings in connection with applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity for new airline routes or for the amendment of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity in which hearings have been completed. The Board issued the following statement as to the change in new route hearings policy:

"On December 12, 1941, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced that no further action would be taken in proceedings involving applications for new air carriers certificates of public convenience and necessity or for the amendment of existing certificates. Such action was taken in order that the immediate and maximum attention of air carriers and their personnel and of the Board, as well as of other government agencies concerned would be available for the most efficient discharge of the emergency demands growing out of the war, and that the new policy would remain in effect for such period of time as may appear to be appropriate in the light of existing conditions and their future development.

"Applications involving special considerations of national interest requiring early inauguration of the services involved were excepted and, since December 12, such applications have been handled on the basis of temporary authorizations. Rate cases were not affected.

"The Board has now determined to carry to decision those proceedings in which the hearings have been completed, and its staff has been instructed to confer with the parties and arrange for assignment of dates for the various steps which remain to be completed. At the same time, it has been decided to assign hearings and proceed to disposition of applications to include additional stops on existing routes, where no controversial issues were involved.

"Certificates issued will contain a proviso that the service authorized may not be inaugurated until national defense requirements have been met.

"Pending or new applications involving special considerations of national interest will continue to be handled on a temporary basis and, with rate cases, will be given precedence over other proceedings.

"The policy as announced on December 12 will remain in effect for all other cases until such time as the circumstances referred to make further relaxation of the restrictions appropriate."