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Consolidated Files For 64 Routes

Organization of 14 fixed base operators asks that own individual applications for permits be subordinated to group action.

Latest strategy of a group of prospective local - feeder - pickup operators was revealed in an application filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board last week by Consolidated Airlines, Inc., of Kansas City.

Fourteen fixed base operators, whose individual applications are already on file, formed the corporation in October, 1943. All constituent members of the organization have specified that their previous applications shall be subordinated to the corporate application.

Covers 64 Routes — Officers of the new corporation include: William A. Ong, president; Wilfred M. Post, Jr., vice-president; Leslie H. Bowman, vice-president; Charles W. Hirsig, vice-president; F. C. Anderson, treasurer, and W. Haley Reed, secretary and general counsel.

The application asks permanent and/or temporary certification to transport mail, passengers and property in scheduled service over 64 separate routes totaling 23,723 miles.

Avoid Parallel Lines — It specifically states that special care has been taken “to avoid wherever possible paralleling established airlines and no right is sought to provide transportation between points now receiving such service or to interfere with established

This may be an effort on the part of the corporation to avoid criticism directed at applicants who sought to divert business from major carriers by establishing parallel service.

The application states the intention of offering daily round-trip service over each of the 64 routes.

► 15 Fixed Bases — Operations would be conducted from 15 fixed bases, at which the members of the corporation already have installations. These bases include Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa.; Buffalo; Indianapolis; St. Louis; Columbia, Springfield and Kansas City, Mo.; Camden, Ark.; Fort Worth; Dodge City, Hays, and Manhattan, Kans.; Des Moines and Sioux City, Iowa, and Laramie, Wyo. From these fixed bases the 64 proposed feeder lines radiate into a majority of the 48 states.

The following are directors of the new corporation, with the name and location of the individual companies they represent:

E. W. Wiggins, E. W. Wiggins Airways.

None of these companies was represented at the meeting of the Feeder Airlines Association held in Washington early this month.

The application says Consolidated Airlines has been initially capitalized for only a nominal sum, but that the “combined net worth of the constituent members and their respective organizations is in excess of \$2,000,000.”

Although the corporation was formed last October, and member companies have filed since that date, the corporation application was not filed until after the completion of oral arguments in the local-feeder-pickup case before the CAB three weeks ago.