

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 50101

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Joseph A. Beek )  
 (Balboa Island Ferry) to adjust )  
 commutation rates for pedestrian )  
 ferry service at Newport Beach, )  
 Orange County, California. )

Application No. 35162

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Joseph A. Beek, doing business as Balboa Island Ferry, proposes a change only in its adult token fares from "4 tokens or tickets for 25 cents" to "a 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for \$1.00".

By Decision No. 48590 dated May 12, 1953, the present rate structure was established as follows:

Passenger Fares

Adults (pedestrian or auto passengers), one way	\$ .10
Adults, 4 tokens or tickets for	.25
Children - over 5 years and under 12 years	.05
Children - under 5 years accompanied by parent	Free

Passenger Car Rate

Passenger automobile, including driver	.25
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Truck RatesTruck and Lading Not Exceeding 5000 Lbs.

Panel trucks and trucks under 1-ton rated capacity	.25*
Trucks over 1-ton rated capacity and not exceeding 2-1/2-ton rated capacity	.35*
Vehicles not otherwise specified	.50*

\* Rates include driver.

When transportation of any vehicle will imperil the safety of the carrier's operation, transportation may be refused.

The Commission staff has estimated results of operation under present and proposed fares for the year ending May 31, 1955, as follows:

	<u>Under Present Fares</u>	<u>Under Proposed Fares</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Passenger	\$30,210	\$28,540
Motor Vehicles	58,950	58,950
Total Revenue	<u>\$89,160</u>	<u>\$87,490</u>
<u>Expense</u>		
Total Operating and Maintenance Expense	\$64,970	\$64,970
Depreciation	2,500*	2,500*
Operating Taxes	4,370	4,340
Total Expense	<u>\$71,840</u>	<u>\$71,810</u>
Net Income Before Taxes	\$17,320	\$15,680
State and Federal Income Taxes	6,060	5,240
Net Income	<u>\$11,260</u>	<u>\$10,440</u>

\* Includes new ferry boat to be put in service about June 1, 1954, cost \$22,640, "Admiral".

Under the proposed fares the operating ratio after income taxes is 88.1 per cent, as compared with 87.4 per cent under present fares.

As justification for the proposed change in fares applicant alleges that passengers purchase tickets from ferrymen on ferry boats, necessitating ferrymen counting out four tickets at any time of day or night, frequently when traffic is at its peak; that the delay in handling these tickets often makes it necessary for the ferry to stop and stand by in the stream before reaching its destination, thus causing delay in maintaining service and inconvenience to passengers; that further confusion is caused by the practice of passengers grouping together to buy four tickets, which are immediately offered to pay fares for the group; that in such cases the ferrymen have no option but to accept such tickets; that the ferry boats used by applicant are open boats on which it is prohibited to display any light which may be confused with the running lights of the boat, and that simplification in the matter of collecting fares would result in materially improved service during the evening when peak loads are carried.

The Commission having fully considered the application, as amended, and being of the opinion that applicant is entitled to the relief sought, finds that a change in the adult passenger token fare from 4 tokens or tickets for 25 cents to a 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for \$1.00 has been justified and that such change in fares will produce a reasonable return.

A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and finding that fares and rates as hereinafter set forth are reasonable and justified,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That paragraph 1 of the Order in Decision No. 48590, on Application No. 34140, be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

That Joseph A. Beek, doing business as Balboa Island Ferry, be, and he hereby is, authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the following fares and rates:

Passenger Fares

Adults (pedestrians or auto passengers), one way	\$ .10
Adults, 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for	1.00
Children - over 5 years and under 12 years	.05
Children - under 5 years accompanied by parent	Free

Passenger Car Rate

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(2) That, in addition to the required filing of tariffs, applicant shall keep posted, in a clearly visible manner, the fares and rates herein authorized at each terminal and on each ferry boat.

(3) That, except as herein authorized, Decision No. 48590 shall remain in full force and effect.

(4) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days from the effective date hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of June, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
President

JUSTIN J. Cramer

Benjamin Pottel

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Commissioners