

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 51972

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION of JOSEPH A. BEEK, doing )  
business as BALBOA ISLAND FERRY, to )  
adjust commutation rates for pedes- )  
trian ferry service at Newport Beach, )  
Orange County, California. )

Application No. 37076

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Joseph A. Beek, doing business as Balboa Island Ferry, proposes to change its passenger tariff (Local Passenger Tariff No. 3, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5) by substituting for the rate:

Adults - 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for \$1.00,

the following rates:

Adults - 60-ride family ticket, limited to use  
by family members only ..... \$3.00

Adults - 20-ride commutation ticket, limited  
to use by purchaser only ..... 1.00

The existing rate of 20 tickets for \$1.00 was established by Decision No. 50101, dated June 1, 1954, in Application No. 35162 which also established an adult fare of 10 cents per passenger.

As justification for the proposed change in fares, the applicant alleges that the provision in the present tariff providing for the issuance of a 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for \$1.00 is so far at variance with the regular adult fare of 10 cents as to result in widespread purchases of 20 tickets by

passengers other than bona-fide commuters and the redistribution of the tickets among groups of passengers. He alleges that this practice tends to result in confusion on board the ferry boats, defeats the purpose of granting a true commutation rate to daily users of the ferry service, and results in a serious revenue loss.

The applicant alleges that his operations resulted in a loss of \$2,827.54 for the period April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955 (Exhibit "A" on the application).

The Commission having fully considered the application, as amended, and being of the opinion that the relief sought is justified, finds that a change in the adult passenger ticket fare from 20 tickets or a 20-ride ticket for \$1.00 to a 60-ride family ticket, limited to use by family members only, for \$3.00 and a 20-ride commutation ticket, limited to use by the purchaser only, for \$1.00 has been justified.

A public hearing is not necessary.

#### O R D E R

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and finding that the fare adjustment hereinafter set forth is reasonable and justified,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

(1) 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 fares set forth in paragraph (a) below, and to cancel the fares set forth in paragraph (b) below.

(a) Passenger Fares

Adults, 60-ride family ticket, limited to use  
by family members only . . . . . \$3.00

Adults, 20-ride commutation ticket, limited to  
use by purchaser only . . . . . 1.00

(b) Passenger Fares

Adults, 20-ride ticket or 20 tickets for . . . . . 1.00

(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 the authority herein granted shall expire unless  
exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of SEPTEMBER, 1955.

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President  
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Commissioners