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Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 CATALINA ISLAND SIGHTSEEING LINES,
 a California corporation,
 for an order declaring the Steamship
 "Avalon" nonoperative property
 and authorizing its sale

Application No. 41113

OPINION AND ORDER

Catalina Island Sightseeing Lines, applicant herein,
 is engaged in the business of transporting passengers and freight
 by vessel between Wilmington and Avalon and the Isthmus, Santa
 Catalina Island. In this application it seeks authorization to
 sell the Steamship "Avalon."

In support of its request, applicant asserts that the
 "Avalon" is 68 years old, that its original cost has been fully
 depreciated and that it has not been used in applicant's service
 since February, 1951. Applicant further asserts that maintaining
 the vessel in an inactive state is quite costly and that minimum
 maintenance to protect the vessel, together with the necessary
 keepers and watchmen, is in excess of \$20,000 a year. Applicant
 is of the opinion that no contingency can be reasonably anticipated
 that would require the reactivation of this vessel. It appears
 that presently it has seven other vessels which it employs in
 its operations.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion, and so finds, that the Steamship "Avalon" is not necessary in the conduct of applicant's operations and that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Catalina Island Sightseeing Lines, on and after the effective date hereof, may sell the Steamship "Avalon" at the best price obtainable.

2. The authority herein granted will become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 2nd day of June, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
W. H. [unclear]
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Commissioners