

ORIGINALDecision No. 69589

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of HARBOR CARRIERS, INC., a)
corporation, for authorization to)
increase rates.)

Application No. 47375
(Filed March 2, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Harbor Carriers, Inc., is a common carrier by vessel engaged in the transportation of persons and property between points on San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays. It seeks authority to increase certain, but not all, of its passenger fares. It proposes to increase its water-taxi fares contained in its local Passenger Tariff No. 10 and to increase the fares in its Local Passenger Tariff No. 11 for transportation between Angel Island and San Francisco. It does not propose to change the fares for its service to Tiburon. The present fares and proposed fares involved herein are set forth in Table I:

TABLE I

HARBOR CARRIERS, INC.
Present and Proposed Fares

<u>Vessel Size</u>	<u>Water Taxi Service</u>			
	(Fares in dollars per quarter hour or fraction thereof except as noted)			
	<u>Ordinary Service(1)</u>		<u>Special Service(1)</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Less than 15 gross tons	\$4.00	\$6.25	\$5.00(2)	\$6.25(3)
15 gross tons or over	5.00(4)	6.25	6.75(5)	7.00(3)

- (1) Special service involves service on less than 2 hours' notice, or after 5:00 p.m., or before 8:00 a.m., or at any time on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays. Ordinary service is other than special service.
- (2) Minimum charge of \$18.00
- (3) Minimum charge of \$28.00
- (4) \$25.00 for first hour, which is the minimum
- (5) \$32.50 for first hour, minimum charge of \$59.50

Between San Francisco and Angel Island
(Fares in Dollars for Round Trip)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Adult Fare	\$1.20	\$1.50
Children's Fare	.60	.75

As may be seen from Table I, for vessels of 15 tons or more the proposed water taxi fares may result in reductions.

The water taxi service is used primarily by steamship companies. Copies of the application were served upon Pacific Steamship Association and the Port of San Francisco. Public notice of the filing of the application to increase fares was given by announcements posted in applicant's boats and terminals. There are no protests. The Commission has received a letter from Pacific-American Steamship Association stating that it does not oppose the proposed increases.

The Commission's Transportation Division made a study of the operations conducted by applicant and presented estimates of the results of operation under present fares and under proposed fares. The report of that study is received in evidence in this proceeding as Exhibit 1.

Applicant submitted an estimate of operating results under proposed fares as an exhibit appended to its application. Applicant estimates that the proposed increased fares will provide it with additional gross annual revenue of \$46,342 and that for a future year under the proposed fares it will earn \$4,445 before income taxes or \$3,467 after income taxes resulting in a rate of return of 4.4 percent and an operating ratio of 97.87 percent.

The staff estimates that under the proposed fares for a future rate year applicant will earn \$2,130 after income taxes resulting in a rate of return of 1.7 percent and an operating ratio of 98.8 percent.

We find that the proposed increases in fares are justified and that a hearing is not necessary. We conclude that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Harbor Carriers, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 47375. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date hereof on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of AUGUST, 1965.

Frederick B. Hallock
President

George T. Grover

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William B. Burnett
Commissioners