

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75691

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of M.G.R.S., Inc.,
a California corporation, for
authority to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity.

Application No. 51065
(Filed May 8, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a common carrier of passengers, baggage and freight between San Pedro, in the City of Los Angeles, and Avalon, Catalina Island, by the operation of the S.S. CATALINA, pursuant to certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in Decision No. 62131, dated May 25, 1965.

The present authority requires daily service to be operated commencing not later than Memorial Day of each year and continuing at least until the following September 30, or a minimum of 124 days.

During the summer season of 1968, the S.S. CATALINA was not operated by applicant, as a result of the failure of applicant and the various labor unions involved to arrive at labor contracts. After extensive negotiations, applicant and the various labor unions have entered into contracts for a 93-day season in 1969, commencing on or about June 14. The proposed shortening of the season by approximately 30 days is alleged to be justified by the steady decline in patronage of the applicant, particularly during the times between Memorial Day

and the closing of school in mid-June and between the opening of school in early September and September 30 of each year.

The S.S. CATALINA is now at anchor in Long Beach - San Pedro Harbor, and will require extensive overhaul to be ready for service in the summer of 1969. It is alleged that such work can be completed on or before June 14, 1969.

A formal complaint was made to the Commission by a group of citizens of Avalon concerning the failure of applicants to operate the S.S. CATALINA during the 1968 summer season. This matter was assigned Case No. 8839 and after six days of hearings, it was submitted on February 24, 1969. No decision has been rendered to date. In addition, numerous informal complaints relative to the lack of steamer service during the same period were received by the Commission.

The proposed operation for a shorter season than now required will provide the desired steamer service between the mainland and Avalon during the principal travel period. Catalina Motor Cruisers, Inc. has been authorized to operate daily scheduled service by motor vessels between San Pedro and Avalon during such times of the year that the S.S. CATALINA is not sailing. Catalina Motor Cruisers, Inc. operated such service throughout the summer of 1968.

Upon consideration of the evidence the Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted, as set forth in the ensuing order.

2. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Appendix B of Decision No. 69131 is amended by incorporating therein First Revised Page 2, attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 2.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed on notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 111-B. Failure to file such reports in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Order No. 111-B may result in a cancellation of the operating authority which is involved and granted by this decision.
- (b) Applicant shall file in the Commission's office tariffs and timetables in triplicate satisfactory to the Commission. Such tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public. The effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the services herein authorized.
- (c) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations

governing the construction and filing of
tariffs and timetables set forth in the
Commission's General Orders Nos. 87 and 117.

The effective date of this order shall be the date
hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of 1 MAY, 1969.

William J. Quinn, Jr.
President

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W. H. Harris

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Commissioners

Appendix B
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M.G.R.S., Inc.
(a corporation)

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1. M.G.R.S., Inc., a corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to conduct common carrier service by the S.S. CATALINA for the transportation of persons and their hand baggage and for the transportation of freight between San Pedro in the City of Los Angeles and Avalon on Catalina Island.

2. The service which may be provided under the certificate herein granted shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

* (a) Scheduled Daily Passenger Service:

Scheduled service shall be initiated on the second Saturday in June of each year and shall be conducted on a daily basis through the second Sunday in September of each year. However, when in the opinion of the management of M.G.R.S., Inc., public convenience and necessity require the operation of daily scheduled service sooner than the second Saturday in June or later than the second Sunday in September, or both, said service may be initiated not sooner than May 30 and/or continued to not later than September 30 of each year upon ten days' advance notice to the Commission and to the public.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Changed by Decision No. 75691, Application No. 51065.