

ORIGINALDecision No. 75781

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of M.G.R.S., INC., a California
corporation, for authority to
adjust rates.

Application No. 51104
(Filed May 23, 1969)

INTERIM ORDER

M.G.R.S., Inc., presently authorized to operate as a common carrier of passengers by vessel between the Port of Los Angeles and Avalon on Santa Catalina Island, requests an increase in fares. Applicant proposes to increase fares as follows:

	<u>Present Fares</u>		<u>Proposed Fares</u>	
	<u>One Way</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>	<u>One Way</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
Adult	\$3.75	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$10.00
Child 12 years of age and over	3.75	7.50	5.00	10.00
Child 5 to 11	1.90	3.75	2.50	5.00
Child under 5	Free	Free	.25	.50
Group Fare 100 or more persons	-	5.50	-	8.00

Applicant proposes to adjust the 10-ride commute ticket from \$15.00 to \$30.00.

Round trip charter from Port of Los Angeles to Avalon:

<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
\$8,250	\$9,000

Applicant did not operate during the 1968 season due to the failure of management and the unions representing the operating personnel of the S.S. Catalina to arrive at labor contracts. Agreements have been reached and contracts have been signed for the 1969 season for a period of 93 operating days, from June 14, 1969, to September 14, 1969. Because of increased labor costs and wharfage costs at Los Angeles and Avalon applicant estimates that operating costs will increase in excess of \$110,000 over 1967.

For a test period of 12 months commencing June 15, 1969, through June 14, 1970 (93 days' operation of steamer) applicant's summary of estimated earnings under present and proposed fares is as follows:

	<u>At Present Fares</u>	<u>At Proposed Fares</u>
Operating Revenue	\$1,116,740	\$1,453,631
Operating Expenses and Income Taxes	1,193,848	1,361,973
Profit or (Loss)	(77,102)	91,658
Operating Ratio	106.9%	93.7%

Pending final determination of the instant application applicant requests an interim increase of 25 cents one way effective June 14, 1969. It is estimated that the interim increase would amount to \$76,470 in additional revenues for the 1969 season.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed interim increases are just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. M.G.R.S., Inc. is authorized to establish the following fares:

	<u>One Way</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
Adult	\$4.00	\$8.00
Child, 12 years of age and over	4.00	8.00
Child, 5 to 11	2.15	4.25
Child under 5	.25	.50

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than two days after the effective date hereof on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of JUNE, 1969.

William J. Givens, Jr.
President

Harold P. Monussey
William J. Givens, Jr.

John W. Gatov
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.