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Decision No. 76488

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of AVALON NAVIGATION COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to sell the motor vessel MAGIC ISLE.

Application No. 51239  
(Filed July 8, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Avalon Navigation Company, a common carrier by vessel engaged in the transportation of persons and baggage between San Pedro (City of Los Angeles) and the City of Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, by letter of its attorney dated October 9, 1969 advises that the only vessel it operates, the "Magic Isle", has sunk. It withdraws this application and reports that it is tendering the surrender of its certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate by vessel between the Port of Los Angeles and Santa Catalina Island.

Applicant also advises that at the present time the S. S. Catalina is serving the public need for transportation between the mainland and Santa Catalina Island during the summertime, and Catalina Motor Cruisers is furnishing year-round transportation between the mainland and Santa Catalina Island.

The operating authority of applicant is set forth in Appendix A, Original Pages 1, 2, and 3 of Decision No. 69131 in Application No. 47461.

The transportation division of the Commission staff has filed a report which states that: (a) The motor vessel "Magic Isle" sank while on a charter trip to Pago Pago in the South Pacific and it cannot be salvaged; (b) The "Magic Isle" is the only vessel owned by Avalon Navigation Company, and that company's operating authority as contained in Decision No. 69131 should be canceled.

The applicant has suffered the loss of the "Magic Isle", and it has no other vessel; other service is available to the public; therefore, the Commission concludes that applicant's request to surrender its certificate to operate should be granted.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The application will be dismissed and the certificate of Avalon Navigation Company to operate as a common carrier by vessel will be canceled.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Avalon Navigation Company, a California corporation, is authorized to discontinue its operations as a common carrier by vessel, and the above application is hereby dismissed.

2. The operative rights granted to the applicant by Decision No. 69131 dated May 25, 1965, in Application No. 47461 are revoked and Appendix A, Original Pages 1, 2, and 3, of said decision and all the effective timetables and tariffs applicable thereto are canceled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of DECEMBER, 1969.

William J. Lyons, Jr.  
President  
George A. ...  
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Commissioners