

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 82347

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
M.G.R.S., INC., a California corpo-  
ration, to amend its certificate of  
public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 54470  
(Filed November 27, 1973)

O P I N I O N

By its application, as amended, M.G.R.S., Inc., presently providing service as a common carrier of passengers by vessel between the Port of Los Angeles and Avalon on Santa Catalina Island during the summer, requests authority (a) to provide service not only by the S. S. Catalina, but by other vessels, (b) to operate a scheduled service other than during the summertime on 48 hours' notice for a minimum of 200 persons, and (c) to operate nonscheduled service on an hourly and a per capita basis between the Port of Los Angeles and Santa Catalina Island throughout the year.

Applicant's certificated authority was granted by Decision No. 59710, as amended in Application No. 41613. Catalina Motor Cruisers, Inc. operates daily scheduled service between the Port of Los Angeles and Avalon during such times of the year the scheduled daily service between said points is not being provided by the S. S. Catalina.

It is alleged that the proposal to operate other vessels of at least 500-passenger capacity will enable applicant to meet a demand for both per capita service and charter service during times when the use of the S. S. Catalina with a passenger capacity of 2,197 would not be justified; that this is particularly true prior to the second week in June and subsequent to the second week in September and during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays; that vessels having a capacity in excess of 500 passengers, but less than 2,000 passengers, have recently become available for operation by applicant; that their use will give applicant more flexibility in its operations and will afford applicant an opportunity to develop additional patronage and revenues primarily through group sales; and that applicant will continue to coordinate its operation with Catalina Motor Cruisers, Inc. so there will be continuous year-round daily scheduled service.

Copies of the application were served upon the cities of Los Angeles and Avalon as well as upon Harbor Carriers, Inc. and H-10 Water Taxi. No protest has been received.

After consideration the Commission finds and concludes that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application.

We further find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment. 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 substituting Second Revised Page 2 and First Revised Page 3, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, in place of First Revised Page 2 and Original Page 3.

2. Within sixty days after the date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend its tariffs and timetables to reflect the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of JANUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Steingard  
President  
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Commissioners

\*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 or other vessel of at least 500-passenger capacity for the transportation of persons and their hand baggage and for the transportation of freight between the Port of Los Angeles and points on Catalina Island.

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 between the Port of Los Angeles and Avalon on Santa Catalina Island. 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.

\*(b) Scheduled, Restricted Service:

Upon 48 hours' notice to the public and to the Commission at times other than set forth in (a) above, scheduled service may be operated between the Port of Los Angeles and Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, subject to a minimum of 200 fare-paying passengers.

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- \*(c) The scheduled service may be provided in part with equipment other than vessels herein authorized under those unusual conditions where the number of intending passengers with validated tickets for a particular day exceed the maximum capacity of the vessel scheduled to operate.
- \*(d) Nonscheduled, Restricted Service:  
Between the Port of Los Angeles, on the one hand, and the following points on Santa Catalina Island, on the other hand: Gallagher's Beach, Toyon Bay, White's Landing, Camp Fox, Empire Landing, Isthmus Cove, Emerald Bay. Service may be operated subject to a minimum of 100 fare-paying passengers.
- \*(e) "Charter" Service (Nonscheduled service at hourly rates):  
M.G.R.S., Inc. may also operate "charter" service between the Port of Los Angeles, on the one hand, and all points on the coast of Santa Catalina Island, on the other hand. During the period between the commencement and termination of daily scheduled service as set forth above, the operation of said "charter" service shall be so coordinated with the scheduled service as to avoid disruption of the scheduled service. The term "charter" service, as herein used, means service in which the vessel is engaged, for a specified charge, by a person or group of persons for the exclusive use of said person or group of persons in transportation between the Port of Los Angeles, on the one hand, and all points on Santa Catalina Island, on the other hand.
- (f) Hand baggage checking privileges shall be provided in connection with the transportation of persons.
- (g) Upon order of this Commission, the service for the transportation of freight shall be established as directed.

(End of Appendix B)

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