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Decision No. 82431

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. 53906
(Filed March 21, 1973;
amended March 28, 1973)

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DeBarr, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

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 also seeks authority to increase its water taxi rates for ordinary and special service which rates are set forth in its Local Freight Tariff No. 8 and Local Passenger Tariff No. 10. Applicant further seeks authority to establish a fare for bicycles accompanying a passenger between San Francisco and Tiburon.

Public hearing was held before Examiner O'Leary at San Francisco on November 12, 1973 at which time the matter was submitted.

Applicant's present and proposed fares and rates are as follows:

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	<u>Present Rate Or Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Or Fare</u>
Local Freight Tariff No. 8 and Local Passenger Tariff No. 10		
Item No. 25 (Ordinary Service)	\$6.25 per quarter hour or fraction thereof	\$10.50 per quarter hour or fraction thereof

Where an additional crewman is requested or required,
an additional charge will be made at the rate of \$25.00
per trip, per crewman added to the regular crew.

Item No. 30 (Special Service)	\$7.00 per quarter hour or fraction thereof, minimum charge of \$28.00	\$11.75 per quarter hour or fraction thereof, minimum charge of \$47.00
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Where an additional crewman is required, an additional
charge will be made at the rate of \$25.00 per trip,
per crewman added to the regular crew.

Local Passenger Tariff No. 11
Item No. 100

Between San Francisco and
Angel Island

Adult Fare (round trip)	\$1.50	\$2.00
Children's Fare (round trip)	\$0.75	\$1.00

Between San Francisco and
Tiburon

Fare (round trip)	\$1.50	\$2.00
Fare (one way)	\$0.80	\$1.00

Commute Books containing
10 round-trip tickets
between San Francisco and
Tiburon

\$13.50	\$15.00
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Bicycles (accompanying a
passenger) between San
Francisco and Tiburon

Charge (round trip)	-	\$0.75
Charge (one way)	-	\$0.50

Applicant does not propose to change the fares for its ferry service between Berkeley, on the one hand, and Tiburon and Angel Island, on the other hand.

Exhibit 1 is a study prepared by the Commission's Transportation Division of the operations conducted by applicant. The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1974 disclose that under present fares applicant's operating ratio would be 125.5 percent and that under proposed fares its operating ratio would be 99.0 percent and its rate of return would be 2.6 percent.

Applicant's estimate of operating results under present and proposed fares for the year ending September 30, 1973 is attached to the application as Table IV of Exhibit C. It discloses an operating ratio of 135.7 percent under present fares and 114.3 percent under proposed fares.

Findings

1. The increases in rates and charges authorized by this decision are justified and are reasonable; and the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ from those prescribed by this decision, are for the future unjust and unreasonable.

2. The increased rates and charges authorized herein will increase annual revenue by approximately \$144,344; the rate of return is 2.6 percent.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Harbor Carriers, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 53906. 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.

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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 Diego, California, this 5th
day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stinson
President
William J. Lyons
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Commissioners

I abstain.

William J. Lyons, Commissioner