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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
H. TOURIST, INC. doing business as )	
CATALINA CRUISES for an order under )	
the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket )	Application 84-07-061
authorizing it to amend its Local )	(Filed July 19, 1984)
Passenger Tariff No. 1-A, Cal. P.U.C. )	
No. 2, to increase fares for all )	
Santa Catalina Island points except )	
Avalon by 10 cents per one way fare. )	

ORDER UNDER SHORTENED PROCEDURE TARIFF DOCKET

By this application, H. Tourist, Inc., (applicant), doing business as Catalina Cruises (VCC-46), seeks authority, under Article 7, Rules of Practice and Procedure, to increase its one-way fares by 10 cents between the Ports of Los Angeles (San Pedro) and Long Beach, on the one hand, and all Santa Catalina Island (Catalina) points except Avalon, on the other hand. Exhibit 2, attached to the application, shows the present and proposed fares.

Based on 1983 passenger counts, applicant estimates that the proposed fares will increase revenues by \$2,104 or less than a 23% increase over the 1983 gross revenue of \$7,453,359.

By Decision 92336, dated October 22, 1980, applicant was authorized to exclude the landing fee assessed by the City of Avalon (Avalon) from its tariffs. On August 1, 1984, Avalon increased the landing fee from 50 cents to 60 cents per passenger. Accordingly, applicant has collected this increased fee from each passenger embarking or disembarking its vessels at Avalon.

The collection of the increased 10-cent landing fee has created a disparity between the fares collected from Avalon passengers and the fares collected from passengers travelling to and from other Catalina points. This disparity in fares is illustrated by the following table:

ONE-WAY ADULT FARES BETWEEN SAN PEDRO/LONG BEACH AND CATALINA

	Present Fares			Proposed Fares	
	<u>Avalon</u>		<u>Other Points</u>	<u>Avalon</u>	<u>Other Points</u>
	Before 8-1-84	Effective 8-1-84			
Tariff fare	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$9.35	\$8.85	\$9.45
Landing fee	.50	.60	-	.60	-
<b>Total fare collected</b>	<b>\$9.35</b>	<b>\$9.45</b>	<b>\$9.35</b>	<b>\$9.45</b>	<b>\$9.45</b>

As indicated above, all passengers travelling between San Pedro or Long Beach and Catalina were charged the same fare prior to August 1, 1984. The proposed 10-cent increase for Catalina points, except Avalon, will again equalize the fares collected from all Catalina passengers.

This equalization of the fare will reduce the expenses of

- a) sorting all tickets according to the various charges collected for each in order to meet internal cash control requirements,
- b) establishing an additional category of ticket to be incorporated into its ticket sales procedures, and
- c) policing all passengers as they embark and disembark the vessel to determine that they have purchased the proper ticket for their trip.

It will eliminate delays in loading and unloading passengers and thus increase the overall speed and efficiency of applicant's service.

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This application was served on Los Angeles County and the cities of Long Beach and Avalon. Notice of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar on July 24, 1984. No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

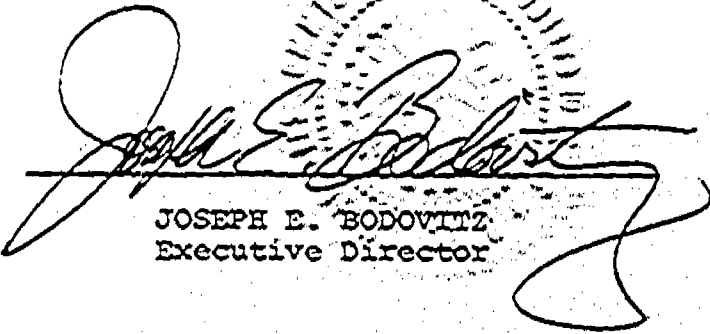
As required by Rule 25(b), the proposed fares will not increase applicant's gross revenue by as much as one percent. The fare increase request complies with the provisions of Article 7, Rules of Practice and Procedure and is justified.

IT IS ORDERED that H. Tourist, Inc. is authorized to establish the fares proposed in Application 84-07-061. The increased fares may go into effect on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

This order is issued under PU Code Section 308 and Resolution TS-660.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 17 1984, at San Francisco, California.

  
JOSEPH E. BODOVITZ  
Executive Director