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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Airport Limousine Service of
Sunnyvale, Inc., dba Airport
Connection - PSC 899,

Complainant,

vs.

BayPorter Airport Shuttle
Service (sic) - PSC 1442,

Defendant.

ORIGINAL

Case 87-09-018
(Filed September 11, 1987;
amended November 3, 1987 and
October 23, 1989)

Case 88-12-024
(Filed December 14, 1988;
amended October 23, 1989)

Clifford Orloff, for Airport Connection,
Airport Limousine service of Sunnyvale,
Inc., complainant.
Eldon M. Johnson, Attorney at Law, and Lloyd L.
Long, for BayPorter Express, Inc., defendant.
Robert L. Strauss, for the Transportation
Division.

O P I N I O N

Background

Complainant in both matters, Airport Limousine Service of Sunnyvale, Inc. (ALSS), provides airport transportation as a passenger stage corporation between points in the counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco and the San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland Airports. Defendant in both matters, BayPorter Express (BayPorter), provides airport transportation as a passenger stage corporation between points in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara and the San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland Airports. BayPorter was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide this service by Decision (D.) 87-05-080 dated May 29, 1987.

In Case (C.) 87-09-018, as amended on November 3, 1987, (the first complaint) ALSS alleges that BayPorter "operated service prior to filing tariffs and schedules," "is not operating scheduled service as required," "is soliciting reserved customers of Complainant," and "misrepresented its ownership and financial resources to the Commission." In C.88-12-024, as originally filed, (the second complaint) ALSS alleges that BayPorter "is operating scheduled service between SFO Airport and points in Berkeley" in violation of its authority, "is charging a \$12 fare between SFO and Berkeley, exactly the same fare as Complainant, but in violation of the \$15 published tariff of Defendant," and "is soliciting reserved customers of Complainant."

BayPorter filed answers to the complaints and motions to dismiss the first complaint, the amendment thereto, and a portion of the second complaint for failure to comply with Rule 10 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. The complaints were set for consolidated hearing on October 16, 1989.

At the October 16 hearing, ALSS advised the administrative law judge (ALJ) that it was still attempting to complete discovery, and the hearing was adjourned without receipt of evidence because complainant was not ready to proceed. To clarify issues and avoid unnecessary litigation, the ALJ allowed ALSS to further amend its complaints upon completion of an analysis of BayPorter's driver logs.

Amended Complaints

ALSS filed an amendment to both complaints on October 23, 1989, alleging that on various listed days during the periods August 30, 1987 through October 27, 1987 and September 4 through 24 1988, BayPorter was committing the acts and omissions listed below:

1. "Operating without PUC authority" by commencing operations on August 31, 1987, weeks prior to having effective authority and tariffs on file with the Commission. (October 23, 1989 Amendment to Complaints, Paragraph II.)

2. "Charging illegal fares to solicit/compete with complainant's service" by "charging invalid tariffs between the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and the cities of Berkeley/Emeryville." ALSS alleges that in 1987 84% of BayPorter's fares between these points were illegal and that in 1988 24% were illegal. ALSS further alleges that the fares were lower than authorized so that BayPorter "could illegally pick up the lower scheduled fares offered by Complainant and the other scheduled carrier," and that the "practice was followed not only at SFO, but also at the scheduled hotel stops in Berkeley and Emeryville that Complainant serves." (October 23, 1989 Amendment to Complaints, Paragraph III.)
3. "Operating scheduled service [between] SFO [and] Berkeley/Emeryville without PUC authority." ALSS alleges in support of this allegation that BayPorter does not have authority to offer scheduled service between SFO and Berkeley/Emeryville and that its authority to serve these areas is limited to on-call service. ALSS alleges that where pickup times were shown in the driver logs analyzed, "virtually 100% of the Berkeley and Emeryville passengers were collected on a fixed schedule." ALSS also alleges that BayPorter regularly collected Berkeley and Emeryville passengers at SFO at the lower level scheduled pickup zones and not at the upper level on-call pickup zones. (October 23, 1989 Amendment to Complaints, Paragraph IV.)
4. "Not operating scheduled service according to its timetables filed with the PUC." ALSS alleges that "from the sample of logs, [BayPorter] did not appear to have enough vans each day to fulfill both its schedule and on-call obligations." (October 23, 1989 Amendment to Complaints, Paragraph V.)

ALSS requests that the Commission censure BayPorter for operating without PUC authority. ALSS also requests that the

Commission issue orders requiring BayPorter to cease and desist from charging illegal fares; from providing service to or from the Durant Hotel in Berkeley, the Berkeley Marriott and the Holiday Inn Emeryville; and from providing scheduled service between SFO and Berkeley/Emeryville. Finally, ALSS seeks an order requiring BayPorter to operate all of its schedule obligations only according to its timetables filed with the PUC or to abandon its scheduled service authority.

BayPorter filed a motion to dismiss Paragraph III of the October 23 amendment to the complaints and an answer to the other portions of the amendment. BayPorter argues that the allegation that it charged illegal fares to solicit customers between SFO and Berkeley/Emeryville is in violation of Rule 10 requirements. BayPorter argues that it had raised the issue of these requirements in its earlier motions, and that despite having been alerted to Rule 10, and despite having had access to BayPorter's driver logs, ALSS fails to identify any specific trip for which it alleges tariff violations and to identify applicable tariff items and actual rates charged which are alleged to be illegal.

In answer to the allegation that it commenced operations prior to having effective authority, BayPorter admits that it misread the order in D.87-05-080, the May 1987 order which authorized BayPorter to operate as a passenger stage carrier, as an outside time limit for filing a tariff. BayPorter states that the "early start" was not willful, and notes that all other necessary filings were in place, including insurance. BayPorter denies the allegation that Berkeley and Emeryville passengers were collected on a fixed schedule. BayPorter denies that it did not operate the scheduled trips in its filed timetable.

To avoid protracted hearings on issues which were the subject of motions to dismiss and which appeared to be improperly pleaded, the ALJ ruled on January 11, 1990 that hearings would be

limited to consideration of allegations related to Paragraphs II, IV, and V of the amendment to the complaints.

Summary of Evidence

Hearing was held on February 8, 1990. The evidence presented by ALSS is summarized below:

1. Driver logs show that BayPorter conducted operations on August 30 and 31, 1987, and Lloyd L. Long, a former president of BayPorter who was called to testify by ALSS, acknowledged that operations began before a tariff and timetable were filed with the Commission. BayPorter's Local Passenger Tariff 1 and Timetable 1 were issued on September 3, 1987 and became effective September 14, 1987.

When questioned by ALSS why operations were begun before September 14, Long indicated that BayPorter was attending to numerous details in the process of starting a business. When BayPorter submitted its proof of insurance and other filing documents to the Commission staff in August, a representative told him after reviewing the documents that he was ready to proceed. BayPorter interpreted this to mean that passenger stage operations could begin even though the tariff and timetable were not yet filed. Long had thought that those filings were not due until later in September of 1987. Long acknowledges that this was a mistake, and notes that when BayPorter's attorney learned of the situation the filings were made immediately, on September 3, 1987.

2. Cairo Valez, formerly a driver for BayPorter from May 1988 to March 1989, and now working for ALSS, testified that while working for BayPorter it was common practice for him to take passengers to "shuttle stops" in Berkeley and Emeryville. In Valez' experience, the term "shuttle stop" referred to other than door-to-door service, and was used to designate stops at certain hotels in Berkeley and Emeryville, particularly the Durant Hotel. Fares for

door-to-door passengers in Berkeley were \$15 for the first passenger and \$10 for additional passengers. Fares for shuttle stop passengers were \$12. Valez also testified that the designated schedule for BayPorter to pass through the terminal at SFO was understood to be every hour on the half-hour.

3. Lynell Phillips, Chief Operating Officer for ALSS' Airport Connection operation, analyzed a sample of BayPorter's driver logs from September and October 1987 and September 1988. Phillips identified all trips between SFO and Berkeley for which fares less than \$15 for the first passenger and less than \$10 for additional passengers were indicated. If there was no log entry indicating a coupon for a lower fare, the fare was considered to be illegal and therefore indicative of scheduled service. Phillips found that in September 1987 85% of the passengers and 82% of the fares met these criteria. In October 1987 84% of the passengers and 83% of the fares met the criteria, and in September 1988 26% of the passengers and 24% of the fares met the criteria.
4. Allan Chow, currently president and primary operating manager of BayPorter, was called by ALSS to testify. Chow stated that in September 1987 BayPorter operated three or four vans, with other vehicles in a standby situation. By October 1988 seven or eight vehicles were in operation. A round trip between SFO and Concord takes at least two hours to complete, and BayPorter's schedules provide for three hours. The situation is the same for scheduled service between SFO and San Jose. If it is assumed that every scheduled trip to the airport has a passenger, six vehicles would be used for the Concord and San Jose schedules.

According to Chow, when BayPorter started operations, it was allowed to use the upper level at SFO. After a period of six to eight months, and continuing until late 1989, BayPorter was allowed to use the

lower level pickup zones. During that period SFO authorities designated the lower levels for scheduled bus service.

BayPorter called Long as its only witness. Long testified that BayPorter has operated scheduled service and on-call service concurrently in the same vehicles, and is aware of no restriction on such operations. BayPorter has operated from SFO every hour on the half-hour since it began operations. For the first seven months of those operations SFO authorities did not allow BayPorter to operate from the lower level, where scheduled operations (as defined by the airport) were assigned. Long testified that he disagrees with ALSS' contention that BayPorter was unable to provide scheduled service with only seven vehicles. The only reason that scheduled service was not provided in the earliest stage of operations was that SFO authorities did not allow it to operate scheduled service as it had intended.

Discussion

1. Motions to Dismiss

As noted by BayPorter, Rule 10 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure requires complaints to identify "the specific act complained of" and to "completely advise the defendant and the Commission of the facts constituting the grounds of the complaint, the injury complained of, and the exact relief which is desired." While we have indicated that we will be liberal in entertaining and considering complaints as filed, including those which do not fully comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure, we have also stated that complaints must state a cause of action under the Public Utilities Code and must comply with Rule 10. (Utility User's Assistance League v. P.T.&T. Co., et al (1960) 58 CPUC 22, 24.) Where no violation of a Commission rule or regulation or statute can be discerned from the language of complaint, dismissal is the appropriate action.

At a minimum, a complaint should state with specificity the action of the defendant which is at issue, the rule or law violated by the action, the injury, and the remedy sought. Rule 10 is designed to achieve this purpose so that the defendant has a meaningful opportunity to defend itself. In this case, complainant was provided with ample opportunity to respond to the defendant's motions to dismiss and correct the Rule 10 deficiencies in its initial pleadings. Despite this opportunity, portions of both complaints remain improperly pleaded. We conclude that these portions should be dismissed.

We agree with defendant that it cannot be expected to mount an affirmative defense against general allegations that it charged illegal fares to solicit its business when there is no specific reference in any of the pleadings to dates, tariff items, pickup and drop points, and any other information that might affect the propriety of a fare. The most recent amendment of October 23 contains an allegation that 84% of the fares between SFO and Berkeley/Emeryville were illegal in the 1987 review period. However, the amendment fails to state which trips were included in the analysis leading to that conclusion, fails to state what fares were assessed, and fails to state which tariff items were allegedly violated.¹ We conclude that Paragraph III of the October 23, 1989 amendment should be dismissed.

¹ As originally filed, C.88-12-024 referred to a \$12 fare as being in violation of the tariff. The amendment, which was allowed in order to remedy the deficiencies in the original filing, did not repeat this allegation.

Without finding that any particular fare was applicable to any particular trip, we take official notice of BayPorter's tariff, which provided that at various times since it was first filed and subject to various conditions and locations, a fare of \$12 was applicable.

The October 23 amendment does not explicitly state that it supersedes the earlier pleadings, but it is apparent that complainant's intent was to do so. Complainant was given the opportunity to respond to BayPorter's contentions of deficiencies, and did so in the case of the four categories of actions listed above under "Amended Complaints." The amendment did not include the earlier allegations that BayPorter was soliciting reserved customers of ALSS and that it misrepresented its ownership and financial resources to the Commission, and it is reasonable to conclude that ALSS intended that these portions of the complaints be dismissed. Even if that were not the case, we would be compelled to grant BayPorter's motions to dismiss them. As noted by BayPorter, there is no rule or statute conferring property-right like status on customers. Thus, no cause of action for this portion of the complaint can exist. Similarly, the allegation of misrepresentation is impermissibly vague under the requirements of Rule 10 and should be dismissed for that reason.

In summary, we conclude that all of the material allegations of the complaints, with the exception Paragraphs II, IV, and V of the October 23, 1989 amendment, should be dismissed.

2. Operations Without Authority

There is no factual dispute that BayPorter commenced operations a little more than two weeks before its tariff and timetable became effective. ALSS argues that this demonstrates an "overall operating philosophy of defendant to operate without regard to the rules and regulations of the Commission" for which it should be censured. BayPorter notes that it had taken steps on its own initiative to correct this mistake within days after it began operating, and that the evidence does not disclose any willful intent on its part to violate PUC rules.

Tariffs and timetables constitute vital components of our regulation of passenger stage carriers, and we cannot condone BayPorter's failure to comply with our filing requirements prior to

commencing operations.² However, we are persuaded that BayPorter's mistake is mitigated by the facts in this case. The evidence shows that even though no tariff and timetable were on file when it began operating, all other filing requirements were met, including the furnishing of proof of insurance. There is no basis for concluding from this single event that BayPorter has demonstrated a philosophy of disregard for our rules and regulations. ALSS has not requested the imposition of a monetary penalty nor do we believe that such a penalty is appropriate. For the future, we admonish BayPorter to carefully review and observe our tariff and timetable filing requirements, and we place BayPorter on notice that further instances of such failures could result in the imposition of penalties and other actions.

3. Scheduled Service to Alameda County

BayPorter's certificate allows it to provide on-call service to Alameda County, but its authorized scheduled service does not include points in Alameda County. Thus, BayPorter is limited to providing on-call service to Berkeley and Emeryville. The factual question to be determined, therefore, is whether the service that BayPorter provided between SFO, on the one hand, and Berkeley and Emeryville, on the other hand, was on-call or unauthorized scheduled service within the meaning of its operating authority.

Section 1(d) of BayPorter's certificate defines on-call service as that "which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of the passengers." The evidence presented by ALSS shows that BayPorter departed SFO every hour on the half-hour,

2 By D.89-10-028 dated October 12, 1989 we adopted comprehensive changes in our regulation of passenger carriers which included cancellation of General Orders (GO) 79 and 98-A and adoption of new GOs 157 and 158. GO 158 requires that only scheduled carriers shall file timetables.

provided service to shuttle stops (i.e. hotels) as well as door-to-door service in Berkeley and Emeryville, and charged lower fares for shuttle service. In September and October 1987 approximately 85% of BayPorter's Berkeley and Emeryville service was provided at the lower fares and was presumably shuttle service. In September 1988 approximately 25% of the service was provided at the lower fares. However, even though a significant portion of BayPorter's service to Berkeley and Emeryville was shuttle service, and even though it may be common for people in the industry to associate the term shuttle service with the term scheduled service, we cannot conclude from the record in this proceeding that the service provided by BayPorter was not rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. It does not follow from the fact that service to certain points was regular in nature that it was necessarily scheduled, and not simply provided in response to passenger demand.

We note that BayPorter's witness testified that it provides both scheduled and on-call service concurrently in the same vehicles, and is aware of no prohibition on providing on-call service on a timed-availability basis. The difficulty of determining whether a given type of service is scheduled or on-call is perhaps best indicated by the testimony of the chief operating officer of ALSS:

"MR. ORLOFF: Okay.

"Q Can you tell me, Ms. Phillips, do you operate both scheduled and on-call service?

"A Yes.

"Q What is the difference between scheduled and on-call service?

"A Scheduled service runs to fixed points on a scheduled basis. On-call service runs on the demand of the passenger to any point.

"Q If you departed SFO every hour on the half-hour to Berkeley, would you call that

an on-call timed basis service or a scheduled service?

"A I don't know if you could call that anything. You haven't given me enough information. You hadn't told me what my destination point was.

"Q What if you were willing to take people to the Durant Hotel and the Marriott Inn and anywhere else they would want to go in Berkeley leaving at a fixed time from the Airport?

"A That could either be scheduled or on-call."

In summary, it has not been shown that BayPorter's practices of departing the airport at a regular time and arranging for scheduled availability of on-call service violated the terms of its authority. We conclude that ALSS has failed to sustain its burden of proof that BayPorter provided unauthorized scheduled service to Berkeley and Emeryville.

4. Failure to Provide Scheduled Service

ALSS' claim that BayPorter failed to provide service in accordance with its filed timetable rests on the evidence that BayPorter's fleet was limited in size to three or four vans in 1987, when it first began operating, and seven or eight vans in 1988. ALSS argues that the fleet was inadequate to meet all of the schedules as filed.

The evidence suggests that no fewer than six vans are required to serve BayPorter's South Bay and East Bay schedules. On the other hand, BayPorter's witness Long testified that he disagrees with the contention that seven vehicles are inadequate. We conclude that BayPorter was probably not able to serve all of the scheduled runs in 1987, but that ALSS has not proven that BayPorter failed to fulfill the timetable schedules in 1988. We note that there is no evidence that any passenger failed to receive scheduled service from BayPorter.

As previously noted, Long testified that SFO authorities did not allow BayPorter to operate from the lower level during 1987, where scheduled operations (as defined by the airport) were assigned. As a result of this decision by SFO authorities, BayPorter did not initially insure all of its vehicles and operate the full fleet necessary to meet the schedules.

We note that Section 1(f) of BayPorter's certificate states that airport operations are not authorized unless they are also authorized by the airport authority involved. It is apparent that BayPorter believed it was prohibited by SFO authorities from providing scheduled service in 1987. Accordingly, we do not find that BayPorter violated the provisions of its certificate by not providing scheduled service in its early stages of operation.

Troubling, however, is BayPorter's decision to file timetable schedules which it apparently believed it could not meet until approval was received to operate on the lower level of SFO. The evidence shows that SFO authorities advised BayPorter by letter dated July 30, 1987 that it could not provide scheduled service, yet the timetable was not filed until September 3 of that year. BayPorter should have been aware of this problem when the timetable was filed. Rule 11.07 of GO 98-A, which was in effect in 1987, explicitly required substantial adherence to timetables. To the extent that BayPorter was unable to operate the filed schedules, it was in violation of Rule 11.07 of GO 98-A. We have already noted in this decision that timetables for scheduled service are an integral part of our regulation of passenger stage carriers. They are of little value in advising the public and the Commission of the nature of carrier services offered if they can be published and filed with the Commission with descriptions of services which carriers are unable and/or unwilling to provide.

ALSS requests that we issue an order requiring BayPorter to operate all of its schedules in accordance with its filed timetables or to abandon its scheduled authority. We do not

believe such an order is necessary. The record shows that the violation of GO 98-A occurred in 1987 when BayPorter commenced operations, and was directly related to conditions at SFO which have since changed. We repeat our admonishment to BayPorter to carefully observe our tariff and timetable filing requirements. We further admonish BayPorter to ensure that actual operations and filings are consistent with each other. We fully expect it will do so. No further action is necessary or warranted.

Proposed Decision

The proposed decision of the ALJ was filed and served on the parties on July 24, 1990. No comments have been received from any party. The findings, opinion, and order made in the proposed decision are confirmed by today's decision.

Findings of Fact

1. The October 23, 1989 amendment to the complaints fails to state which trips were included in the analysis leading to the allegation that illegal fares were charged, fails to state what fares were assessed, and fails to state which tariff items were allegedly violated.

2. It is reasonable to conclude that by the October 23 amendment, ALSS intended that the portions of the complaints alleging that BayPorter was soliciting reserved customers of ALSS and that it misrepresented its ownership and financial resources to the Commission be dismissed.

3. By D.87-05-080 dated May 29, 1987 BayPorter was authorized to provide airport transportation as a passenger stage corporation between points in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, on the one hand, and the San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland Airports, on the other hand.

4. BayPorter conducted operations on August 30 and 31, 1987, a little more than two weeks before its tariff and timetable became effective on September 14, 1987.

5. BayPorter took steps on its own initiative to correct this mistake by filing its tariff and timetable on September 3, 1987.

6. When BayPorter submitted its proof of insurance and other required documents to the Commission staff in August 1987, it was

led to believe that it could begin providing passenger stage service even though the tariff and timetable were not yet filed.

7. Except for the tariff and timetable filings, all other filing requirements were met, including the requirement to furnish proof of insurance, when BayPorter began operating.

8. There is no basis for concluding that BayPorter has demonstrated a philosophy of disregard for our rules and regulations.

9. For service to Berkeley and Emeryville, BayPorter is limited by the terms of its certificate to providing on-call service.

10. Section 1(d) of BayPorter's certificate defines on-call service as that "which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of the passengers."

11. The term "shuttle stop" as used by BayPorter in its operations referred to other than door-to-door service, and was used to designate stops at certain hotels in Berkeley and Emeryville, particularly the Durant Hotel.

12. A significant portion of BayPorter's service to Berkeley and Emeryville was shuttle service, but we cannot find from this record that such service was not rendered dependent on the demands of passengers.

13. It does not follow from the fact that service was regularly provided to certain points in response to passenger demand that it was necessarily scheduled.

14. It has not been shown that BayPorter's practice of departing the airport at a regular time and arranging for scheduled availability of on-call service violated the terms of its authority.

15. In September 1987 BayPorter operated three or four vans, with other vehicles in a standby situation, and in October 1988 seven or eight vehicles were in operation.

16. The evidence suggests that no fewer than six vans are required to serve BayPorter's South Bay and East Bay schedules, but it has not been shown that seven vehicles are inadequate to do so.

17. It appears that BayPorter was not able to serve all of the South Bay and East Bay schedules in September and October 1987.

18. ALSS has not proven that BayPorter was unable to or failed to operate the timetable schedules in 1988.

19. Because SFO authorities did not allow BayPorter to operate from the lower level during 1987, BayPorter did not initially insure all of its vehicles and operate the full fleet necessary to meet the schedules.

Conclusions of Law

1. Where no violation of a Commission rule or regulation or statute can be discerned from the language of a complaint, dismissal is the appropriate action in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

2. Those portions of the complaints and the amendments to the complaints alleging that BayPorter was soliciting reserved customers of ALSS, that it misrepresented its ownership and financial resources to the Commission, and that it was charging illegal fares to solicit and compete with complainant's service should be dismissed due to noncompliance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

3. To the extent not granted by this decision, BayPorter's motions to dismiss should be denied.

4. A monetary penalty for conducting operations prior to the filing of a tariff and a timetable is not appropriate in this case.

5. ALSS has failed to sustain its burden of proof that BayPorter provided unauthorized scheduled service to Berkeley and Emeryville.

6. BayPorter appears to have violated Rule 11.07 of GO 98-A to the extent it did not operate substantially all of its schedules in September and October of 1987, but in view of the circumstances

it is not necessary to require BayPorter to operate all of its schedules or abandon its scheduled authority.

7. The relief sought in the complaints and in the amendments thereto should be denied.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Those portions of the complaints and the amendments to the complaints alleging that BayPorter Express was soliciting reserved customers of Airport Limousine Service of Sunnyvale, Inc., that it misrepresented its ownership and financial resources to the Commission, and that it was charging illegal fares to solicit and compete with complainant's service are dismissed with prejudice.

2. To the extent not granted in Ordering Paragraph 1, the motions to dismiss are denied.

3. The relief sought in the complaints and in the amendments thereto is denied.

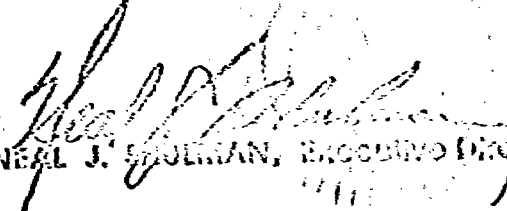
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 12 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY

Commissioner John B. Ohanian,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.


NEAL J. SHOLMAN, Executive Director