

Decision No. 87533 June 28, 1977**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of HARBOR CARRIERS, INC., a) Application No. 56459
corporation, for authorization) (Filed May 4, 1976)
to increase rates.)

In the Matter of the Application)
of H. TOURIST, INC., a corpora-) Application No. 57172
tion, for authorization to) (Filed March 25, 1977)
increase rates between San Pedro,)
on the one hand, and points on)
Santa Catalina Island, on the)
other.)

O P I N I O N

In Application 56459, Harbor Carriers, Inc., a California Corporation and subsidiary of The Harbor Tug and Barge Company, seeks authority to increase its passenger fares between Long Beach and points on Santa Catalina Island for an additional annual revenue of \$311,390. By Decision 86180, dated July 27, 1976, Harbor Carriers, Inc. was authorized to raise its fares by the above amount on an interim basis pending further review by the Commission staff. The matter has been further reviewed by the staff which now is of the opinion that the interim fares authorized by Decision 86180 are justified and should be made permanent.

H. Tourist, Inc., a California corporation and subsidiary of The Harbor Tug and Barge Company, is engaged in business as a common carrier by vessel in the transportation of persons and their baggage between San Pedro and specified points on Santa Catalina Island. In this application H. Tourist, Inc., seeks authority to increase its passenger fares between San Pedro and points on Santa Catalina Island for an additional annual revenue of \$230,942. The present and proposed fares are as follows:

PRESENT AND PROPOSED ONE-WAY AND ROUND-TRIP FARES
BETWEEN SAN PEDRO AND POINTS IN SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Adult one way	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
Adult round trip	8.50	10.00
Child, five years and over, one way	2.15	2.50
Child, five years and over, round trip	4.25	5.00
Child, under five years, one way	0.25	0.40
Child, under five years, round trip	0.50	0.80
Commuter Book	30.00	33.00
Group (Round Trip)		
Regular	7.65	9.00
Special	6.50	7.65
Camp Fox	4.25	5.00
Isthmus	4.25	5.00

The present fares of H. Tourist, Inc. were established by Decision 85938, dated June 8, 1976. The proposed fares are the same as those granted to Harbor Carriers for transportation between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island on an interim basis. The service provided by H. Tourist, Inc., between San Pedro and Santa Catalina Island is the same as that provided by Harbor Carriers, Inc., between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island. The distances between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island and San Pedro and Santa Catalina Island are the same, but the respective mainland termini of applicants are six miles apart.

Copies of Applications 56459 and 57172 were served on the interested parties. The applications were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 6, 1976 and March 29, 1977, respectively. No protests have been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

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1. The interim fare increase authorized by Decision 86180 for Harbor Carriers is justified and should be made permanent.
2. The fare increase requested by H. Tourist, Inc., would result in additional annual revenue in the amount of \$230,942.
3. The fare increase requested by H. Tourist, Inc., is justified and should be authorized.

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the applications should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Harbor Carriers, Inc., is authorized to make permanent the increased fares proposed in Application No. 56459.
2. H. Tourist, Inc., is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 57172.
3. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
4. The authority 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 Francisco, California, this 28th day of JUNE, 1977.

Robert Bateman
President
William Lyons, Jr.
Thomas L. Sturgeon
Charles A. Howell

Commissioners