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Decision No. 87850 SEP 13 1977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of ISLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY,)
INC., a California corporation)
doing business as CATALINA ISLAND)
WATER TRANSPORTATION CO., for a)
modification of its certificate)
of Public Convenience and)
Necessity as a vessel common)
carrier.)

Application No. 57460
(Filed July 19, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a common carrier by vessel engaged in the transportation of persons and hand baggage between points and places on Santa Catalina Island and in providing a passenger water taxi service. The operations are conducted pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision 86044 in Application 56067, dated June 29, 1976.

Applicant seeks authority to modify its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by deleting the restriction which provides: "Service shall be operated with vessel of less than 5 tons net register only."

Applicant presently operates two open vessels both of which are under five tons net register and licensed by the Coast Guard to operate up to three miles offshore.

In order to provide an all-weather service and capability, and as a comfort and convenience to its passengers during night and early morning hours and in inclement weather, applicant seeks authority to modify its vessels by enclosing passenger and crew areas as a protection from weather and sea, which will change the classification of the vessels to in excess of five tons net register.

Copies of the application were served upon 11 interested parties. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 21, 1977. No protests have been received. A public

hearing is not necessary.

After consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed amendment would not be adverse to the public interest and concludes that it should be authorized.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that: Appendix A of Decision No. 86044 is amended by incorporating First Revised Page 1, attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 1.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 1977.

Robert Bateman
President
William J. Gurnea
Vernon L. Sturgis
Charles D. Gendle
Clare J. Lebrun
Commissioners

CATALINA ISLAND WATER TRANSPORTATION CO.

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Jeffrey W. Stickler and Bruce Poncel, doing business as Catalina Island Water Transportation Company, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, are authorized to operate as a vessel common carrier to transport passengers and their hand baggage in a "water taxi shore-boat service" between vessels, and between vessels and shorepoints and between all points and places on Catalina Island subject to the following conditions:

- a. No vessel shall be operated unless it has met all applicable safety requirements including those of the United States Coast Guard.
- b. Service shall be operated on an "on-call" and "charter" basis.
- c. The term "on-call" as used herein refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs and timetables shall show the conditions under which each authorized "on-call" service will be rendered.
- d. The term "charter" service, as used herein refers to 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. The tariffs shall show the conditions under which each "charter" service will be rendered.
- e. Service shall not be rendered within the Two Harbors area between any vessels, points, and places.
- f. The Two Harbors area is described as the inland waters of Isthmus Cove which is within a line drawn from Blue Cavern Point to Lion's Head and Catalina Harbor which is within a line drawn from Pen Rock to Catalina Head.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

Revised by Decision No. 87850, Application No. 57460.