

Decision No. 90614

JUL 31 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of H-10 WATER TAXI)
 CO., LTD., a California corpo-)
 ration, for authority to adjust)
 rates.)

Application No. 58790
 (Filed April 5, 1979)
 (Amended June 29, 1979)

O P I N I O N

H-10 Water Taxi Co., Ltd. (VCC-12), a California corporation, operates water taxi service for the transportation of persons and their baggage and freight between docks, wharves, within Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors on the one hand and ships moored offshore at El Segundo, ships moored offshore at Huntington Beach, ships arriving or departing Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors and all points and places on Santa Catalina Island on the other hand.

By this application, H-10 Water Taxi Co., Ltd. (as amended), seeks to eliminate the distinction in fares between points within Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors and between points within Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors on the one hand and points outside the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors on the other hand and to raise fares approximately 33% for an additional revenue of \$208,000. The present and proposed fares are summarized below:

H-10 WATER TAXI CO., INC.
PRESENT FARES

	Day	: Night	: Holiday
	Operations	: Operations	: Operations
A. For service between points and places within Los Angeles/ Long Beach Harbors.			
Rate per hour per vessel	\$48.00	\$57.60	\$75.00
Minimum charge	48.00	60.00	75.00
B. For service between points and places within Los Angeles/ Long Beach Harbors on the one hand and, on the other hand:			
1. Vessels arriving at or departing from said harbors.			
Rate per hour per vessel	\$80.00	\$96.00	\$96.00
Minimum charge	80.00	96.00	96.00
2. Points and places on Santa Catalina Island.			
Rate per hour per vessel	\$55.00	\$66.00	\$70.00
Minimum charge	55.00	66.00	70.00
3. Ships at offshore moorings at El Segundo or Huntington Beach.			
Rate per hour per vessel	\$70.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
Minimum charge	70.00	84.00	84.00
C. For service, at customers' election, by vessels as follows:			
1. Freight-only vessel, with maximum load capacity of 25 tons.			
Rate per hour per vessel	\$80.00	\$96.00	\$96.00
Minimum charge	80.00	96.00	96.00
2. Passenger vessel, with maximum load capacity of 99 persons (b).			
Rate per hour per vessel	-	-	-
Minimum charge	-	-	-

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- (a) Except as otherwise stated, the rates herein apply for vessels having a maximum capacity of 49 passengers and/or 5 tons of freight.
- (b) Rates are applicable as defined in tariff.

H-10 WATER TAXI CO., LTD.
PROPOSED RATES

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Holiday**</u>
Hourly rate for one-man crew Minimum charge - one hour	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00
Hourly rate for two-man crew Minimum charge - 1 1/2 hour	\$100.00	\$125.00
Manning to be in accordance with Coast Guard Requirement. Additional crew will be supplied at customers' request.		
Service at customers' election by freight only vessel with maximum load capacity of 25 tons. Rate per hour	\$125.00	\$175.00
No minimum charge		

**3. HOLIDAYS (Definition of)

New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday,
Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day,
Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Change: Columbus Day has been added to Page 2, Paragraph 4
of Applicant's-Tariff.

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The present fares were originally established by Decision No. 81792 in Application No. 53863 dated August 21, 1973.

Applicant alleges that his present fares do not yield sufficient revenue to allow it to conduct its vessel operations at a profit.

Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased cost in phases of operation, including fuel, insurance, labor and maintenance.

While the fare increase authorized herein is an exception to the President's Guidelines for wage and price increases, the proposed fares are reasonable and necessary to ensure the continued viability of this transportation service.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 10, 1979. No protests have been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare would result in an additional annual revenue of \$208,000.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

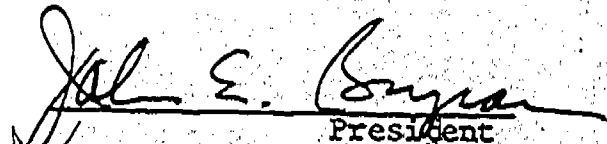
1. H-10 Water Taxi Co., Ltd. is authorized to establish the increase fares proposed in Application 58790.
2. Tariff publications required to be made by H-10 Water Taxi Co. LTD. Inc. as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than the fifth day after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

4. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, H-10 Water Taxi Co., LTD. shall give notice to the public by posting in its vessels and terminals a printed explanation of the new fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare change and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

Since applicant is operating at a loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

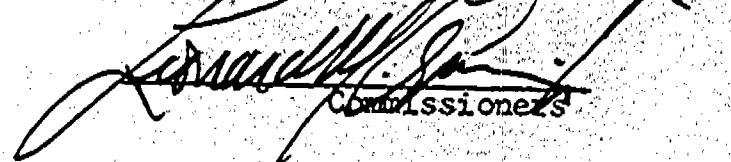
Dated JUL 31 1979, at San Francisco, California.


President








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