PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION GRANTING VOLUNTARY REVOCATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE VESSEL COMMON CARRIER CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO CATALINA CHANNEL EXPRESS, INC. (VCC-52) WHICH AUTHORIZES SCHEDULED SERVICE TO AND FROM REDONDO BEACH

The certificate of public convenience and necessity held by Catalina Channel Express, Inc., last revised by Decision 98-05-007, includes authority to transport passengers and their baggage in scheduled service between Redondo Beach and points on Catalina Island. This portion of the certificate was first placed into voluntary suspension in 1992. The most recent request for an extension of the suspension was granted by Resolution TL-18814, dated September 24, 1997. The voluntary suspension expired June 1, 1998.

By letter dated May 19, 1998, Edward J. Hegarty, Attorney at Law acting on behalf of Catalina Channel Express, Inc., requested revocation of that portion of certificate VCC-52 which authorizes service to and from Redondo Beach, namely Sections IID and IIE. Mr. Hegarty indicated that low patronage due principally to poor freeway access and inadequate parking facilities at the Redondo Beach terminal caused the carrier to suspend operations at this location in 1992, as authorized by the Commission in Decision 92-06-10. He stated that these impediments have not shown any significant improvement since that time. Catalina Channel Express, Inc. does not believe it is in its best interest or the interest of the public for it to hold operating authority it is not using and for which it does not see adequate facilities or a market capable of sustaining service in the foreseeable future.

The Commission has considered the request and finds that it is justified.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- The operating authority presently set forth in Sections IID and IIB of certificate VCC-52 authorizing scheduled vessel common carrier service between Redondo Beach and Avalon and between Redondo Beach and Two Harbors is hereby revoked.
- 2. Catalina Channel Express, Inc. shall make amendments to its tariff necessary to reflect the revocation of this portion of its certificate.

The Executive Director shall mail a copy of this resolution to:

Catalina Channel Express, Inc. c/o Edward J. Hegarty, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 699 Orinda, CA 94563-0805

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 3, 1998, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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Wesley M. Franklin Executive Director

RICHARD A. BILAS President P. GREGORY CONLON JESSIB J. KNIGHT, JR. HENRY M. DUQUE JOSIAH L. NEEPER Commissioners