

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No. TL-18888  
Rail Safety and Carriers Division  
STD-500-RSCD  
April 1, 1999  
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**SPECIAL TARIFF DOCKET REQUEST  
BY CATALINA CHANNEL EXPRESS, INC.  
TO INCREASE ITS FARES BETWEEN POINTS IN THE LONG BEACH  
HARBOR  
PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 109**

Catalina Channel Express, Inc. (applicant), requests to increase its water taxi service fares. This service, known as "Aquabus", is provided within the Long Beach Harbor between points adjacent to the Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific, and Shoreline Village, local attractions along the shoreline of downtown Long Beach. The present one-way fares are \$1.25 for children and \$1.75 for adults. These fares will increase to a single level fare of \$2 per person.

Applicant is under agreement with Long Beach Transit, a public agency, to provide the water taxi service. Long Beach Transit owns the vessels and supports the fare increase request. The Applicant does not receive any public subsidy and the service must be self-supporting and profitable to continue operations.

Notice of this request appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 5, 1999. No protests were received.

The request is narrow in scope and non-controversial. The estimated annual revenue from the increased fare will be less than one percent of applicant's annual gross revenue from all intrastate vessel operations. The request is justified and should be granted. Applicant shall publish and file the increased fare on not less than 10 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311 (g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

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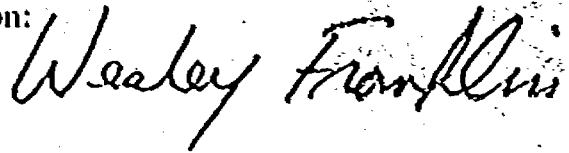
The Executive Director shall mail a certified copy of this resolution to:

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This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on April 1, 1999

The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:



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Wesley M. Franklin  
Executive Director

RICHARD A. BILAS  
President  
HENRY M. DUQUE  
JOSIAH L. NEEPER  
Commissioners