

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET No. 3573
GENERAL RATE FILING

INTERSTATE'S NAVIGATION COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM'S MOTION TO CONVENE A
PORTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BLOCK ISLAND

Interstate Navigation Company has no objection to the Town of New Shoreham's motion to convene a portion of the public hearing on Block Island in this matter, assuming all parties can schedule an appropriate date. However, it would have been helpful to all parties and the Commission if the Town had made a much earlier request to convene a portion of the hearing on Block Island. We are now in the final days of preparation prior to the commencement of the hearings on May 11 and it may not be possible for everyone to find a date on which all parties can travel to Block Island for the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
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MOTION FOR AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE

Interstate Navigation Company hereby objects to the motion filed by the Town of New Shoreham to amend the schedule in this matter. The hearings have been set to begin on May 11, 2004, for many months, and the Town has known about this hearing date from the beginning. Counsel for Interstate has conflicts with moving the hearing to May 18, 2004. Moreover, this would also leave less time for the Commission to consider the evidence at the hearing, make a ruling, and prepare an order prior to the statutory deadline.

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