

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND FAST FERRY, LLC :
TARIFF FILING : DOCKET NO. 3744

ORDER

WHEREAS, On May 5, 2006, New England Fast Ferry (“NEFF”) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval of its tariff amendment setting rates for ferry transportation between the city of Newport and the city of Providence for effect May 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The proposed ferry rates were negotiated by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (“RIPTA”) and NEFF and are subject to Commission’s approval;¹ and

WHEREAS, On May 8, 2006, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a response to NEFF’s application indicating that it had reviewed the proposed tariff amendment and recommended approval of the tariff amendment as filed; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2006, the Commission considered the matter at an open meeting and found the proposed rates set forth in the tariff amendment to be proper, reasonable, and in the best interests of the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, The Commission further finds that a comprehensive rate proceeding is not required in this matter and therefore exercises its option under R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12, finding good cause to exist to waive further investigation, further notice and public

¹ The project is subsidized through a grant to the State of Rhode Island under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (“CMAQ”) Program. The project is to be operated under a contract with RIPTA. The passenger fares for the ferry service only are as follows: Adults--\$8.00 one way, \$16.00 round trip; Senior Citizens, Disabled Individuals and children Ages 5-11 - \$6.00 one way, \$12.00 round trip; and children under 5 years old are free. The need for the rate increase is the result of higher fuel costs.

hearing, based upon the fact that the services, proposed by the applicant, do not constitute “lifeline” ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population.

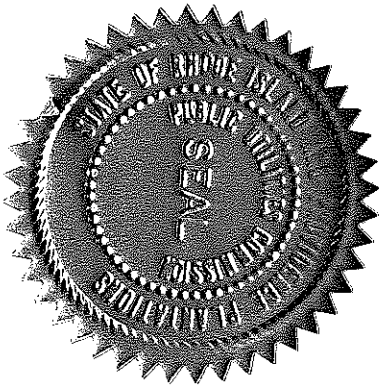
Accordingly, it is

(18605) ORDERED:

1. That the May 5, 2006 tariff filing made by New England Fast Ferry, LLC seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between the city of Newport and the city of Providence for effect May 16, 2006, is hereby approved.
2. New England Fast Ferry, LLC, shall file a revised Tariff reflecting the approved rates within ten (10) days of this Order.

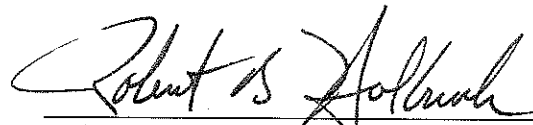
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 16, 2006, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 11, 2006. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON MAY 11, 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION






Elia Germani, Chairman



Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner