

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY
COMPLIANCE FILING

DOCKET NO. 3762

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1, 39-1-11, 39-3-11 and 39-3-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will accept written public comments regarding the Interstate Navigation Company (“Interstate” or “Company”) request for an automatic rate increase based on the Consumer Price Index (“CPI-U Northeast”) for its traditional ferry service to become effective on January 1, 2012.

In Order No. 18957 in this docket, the Commission approved an Amended Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) between Interstate, the Town of New Shoreham and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers whereby a Rate Plan was established so that Interstate’s new rates were frozen for two years ending December 31, 2008. In Order No. 20406, the Rate Plan was extended through December 31, 2012. The Rate Plan currently allows for annual rate increases based on the increases in the CPI-U, Northeast Region, from the previous September 30. The impact of the proposal is an across-the-board increase of 4.0% on most rate classes. The increase does not affect the Commuter Rate, the Commuter Vehicle Rate or the Freight Rates. If approved, the adult round trip fare from Point Judith to Block Island, will increase by \$0.70 from \$17.90 to \$18.60, and the child round trip fare will increase by \$0.35, from and \$8.90 to \$9.25. Autos will increase by \$1.90, from \$48.75 to \$50.65. Pick-up trucks, vans and SUV’s will increase by \$2.30, from \$58.80 to \$61.10. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by the Company based on the calculation.

Interested parties and members of the public may file written comments regarding Interstate’s proposal to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 until 4:00 P.M. on December 9, 2011.

The proposal is on file for examination at the Commission’s office and at the office of Schacht & McElroy, 21 Dryden Lane, Providence, RI. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 3762. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 21, 2011