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April 16, 2007

Luly Massaro
Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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Re: Interstate Navigation Company
Docket No. 3762

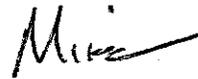
Dear Luly:

Enclosed for presentation to the Commission is a joint petition of Interstate Navigation Company and the Town of New Shoreham regarding criteria for Block Island discounted resident fares.

A copy of this petition has been served on the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. An original and nine copies are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,



Michael R. McElroy

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In29:Commuter Cards-Massaro

cc: Susan Linda
Paul Roberti, Esq.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET No. 3762

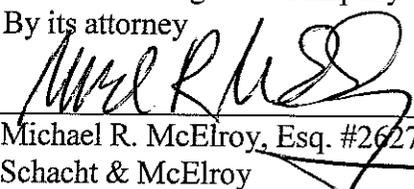
JOINT PETITION
REGARDING BLOCK ISLAND RESIDENT FARES

This Commission (and the parties) approved certain eligibility criteria for discounted Block Island resident fares, as set forth in the Stipulation and Settlement in this Docket dated December 14, 2006 (Section II).

The New Shoreham Town Council and Interstate Navigation Company have recently met and jointly agreed to utilize the residency criteria set forth in the New Shoreham Code of Ordinances to determine eligibility for discounted resident fares. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is the letter dated February 23, 2007, (and the attached "Application for Issuance of a Block Island Ferry Islander Card"), agreed to by the parties.

Interstate Navigation Company and the Town of New Shoreham hereby jointly petition the Commission to approve the agreement reflected in the February 23, 2007, letter and attachment (which were approved by the Town Council at its meeting of March 21, 2007).

Respectfully submitted,
Interstate Navigation Company
By its attorney



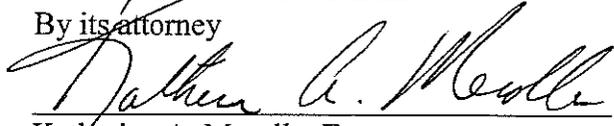
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Respectfully submitted,
The Town of New Shoreham
By its attorney

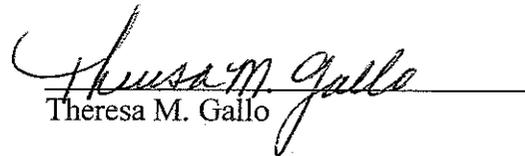


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of April, 2007, I mailed a true copy of the foregoing by first class mail to the following:

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February 23, 2007

Kimberly H. Gaffett
First Warden
Town of New Shoreham
P.O. Drawer 220
Block Island, RI 02807

Re: Proposed Revised Criteria for Discounted Resident Ferry Fares – 2nd Draft

Dear First Warden Gaffett:

Thank you for your recent call and your letter of February 8, 2007.

Interstate and the Town have been discussing possible revisions in the criteria for islanders to qualify for the discounted resident ferry fares. We have taken into account comments provided at the Town Council meeting on February 5, 2007, and the comments in your letter of February 8, 2007, and we have simplified and revised our original proposal. We are submitting this revised proposal for the Town's consideration.

As you know, the Public Utilities Commission, in an Order entered on June 25, 1984, stated that "the Town and Company [should] agree on a definition [of "islander"] that is objective and can be readily understood by the public and the Company." (Order No. 11257).

Moreover, the Commission also ruled that "persons authorized to take advantage of this [commuter] rate are 'islanders' who commute to the mainland at Point Judith." (Order No. 11114.)

That same Order went on to state that "we define 'islander' as a person who is a full time resident of the Town of New Shoreham, or a person who resides on the Island during a majority of the year."

Turning to the Town's ordinance you furnished to me:

- “(a) For the purposes of this ordinance and all licenses, permits and regulations issued by the Town of New Shoreham, a resident is defined as one who resides full time in the Town of New Shoreham.
- (b) Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence due to enrollment at an educational institution or fulfilling a military obligation providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.
- (c) Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence, whatever the reason, of up to three (3) months in any calendar year providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.”

Taking into consideration this ordinance and all recent suggestions, Interstate would like the Town to consider the following second proposal as soon as possible so that we can hopefully get the Town to approve these revisions and get them filed with the PUC before the new rate increase has been in effect for very long.

We are suggesting the following:

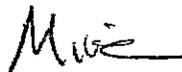
1. A “Block Island Ferry Islander card” (not a commuter card) would be issued by Interstate to islanders who meet the ordinance definition and actually reside full time (i.e. 9 months or more) on the island. Interstate would use its own equipment to issue the cards. The cards would be issued annually. We suggest that there be one specific issuance period in January another such period in February, and another in March of each year. In that way, the islanders will have three opportunities to get the card. We will, of course, avoid February school vacation. In addition, to the extent possible, if a passenger shows up early enough and we are not too busy to do so, we will allow islanders to request resident cards at any time during January, February, and March of each year.
2. We have prepared the enclosed suggested form that each applicant for the card will be required to sign. The form includes the following:
 - They must certify that they are a full time (9 months or more) resident of the island, providing the actual street address (not a post office box) for their residence.
 - They must continue to produce a Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles driver’s license (or in the case of children, age 12 to 16, a current Block Island school photo I.D.). The license must have only a Block Island address on it.
3. Discounted Passenger and vehicle resident tickets will only be sold on Block Island on a round trip basis. The passenger tickets will be good for 7 days. The vehicle tickets will be good for 30 days.

If an applicant is denied the card at the Block Island ticket office, an applicant may appeal the denial in writing to Joshua Linda, Vice President, who will allow the applicant to present

whatever residency evidence the applicant wishes to have reviewed by Mr. Linda. Mr. Linda will review the evidence and determine whether the card should be issued or denied.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,



Michael R. McElroy

MRMc:trng

In28:Commuter Cards-Gaffett

cc: Susan E. Linda
William A. McCombe
Walter E. Edge, Jr.
Joshua Linda
Janette Centracchio
Nancy Dodge, Esq.

NOTES:

1. The PUC has ruled that those who are authorized to receive the discounted islander rates "are islanders who commute to the mainland."
2. Block Island ordinances state in pertinent part:
 - [A] resident is defined as one who resides full time in the Town of New Shoreham.
 - Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence due to enrollment at an educational institution or fulfilling a military obligation providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.
 - Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence, whatever the reason, of up to three (3) months in any calendar year providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.
3. The Block Island Ferry Islander card must be renewed annually, and you must appear in person to obtain or renew your card.
4. Discounted resident tickets will only be sold on Block Island on a round trip basis. Passenger tickets will be good for 7 days; vehicle tickets will be good for 30 days.
5. If you do not obtain a Block Island Ferry Islander card because you are not a full time Block Island resident, you can still purchase discounted commuter (frequent user) tickets (10 for the price of 9).
6. Block Island Ferry also has reduced rates in effect for all children under 12 and seniors 65 and over, whether or not you are a full time Block Island resident.
7. If your application is denied, you may appeal the denial in writing to Joshua Linda, Vice President, Interstate Navigation Co., P.O. Box 482, New London, CT 06320. Please state why you feel you are a full time Block Island resident (at least 9 months per year). Please include with your written appeal any evidence of your residency that you wish Mr. Linda to review.