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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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To: Patricia Lucarelli
From: Terry Mercer *T.M.*
Date: June 7, 2007
Re: Proposed rates for Shaw's Water Taxi

Attached please find a copy of proposed rates for Mr. Bruce Shaw, d.b.a. Shaw's Water Taxi.

Mr. Shaw has an application (Docket 07 MC 44) for water carrier authority pending with the Division and indicated during his application hearing that he intends to offer a discretionary passenger (and luggage) transportation service between Prudence Island and different points in Bristol, Portsmouth, Newport, Warwick and Wickford. (Currently, Prudence Island's lifeline service [Prudence Ferry] operates between the island and one fixed dock in Bristol roughly between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Ferry did not oppose Mr. Shaw's application.)

Mr. Shaw has forwarded the attached rates in anticipation of an affirmative decision in his application docket and has requested that the Commission expedite the approval of said rates under R.I.G.L. §39-3-12 so he can begin providing service as soon as Division authority is granted. As you know, the Commission previously has approved proposed rates for discretionary water carrier service without a hearing, pursuant to §39-3-12, most recently in approving rates for Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (Order 18832) and Jamestown-Newport Ferry (Order 18518).

It is my recommendation that the Commission exercise its authority under §39-3-12 and approve the proposed rates (on an interim basis if not permanently), provided the Division issues an affirmative decision in Mr. Shaw's application docket, of course.

If you have any questions in this matter, please let me know.

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**SHAW'S WATER TAXI
RATES
401-683-2021**

One way from Bristol to Prudence, or Prudence to Bristol

<u># of passengers</u>	<u>Rate *</u>
1-2	\$70.00
3	\$75.00
4	\$80.00
5	\$85.00
6	\$90.00

One way from East Passage to Prudence, or Prudence to East Passage

1-2	\$60.00
3	\$65.00
4	\$70.00
5	\$75.00
6	\$80.00

One way from Newport to Prudence, or Prudence to Newport

1-2	\$75.00
3-4	\$85.00

One way from Wickford to Prudence, or Prudence to Wickford
Rates are the same as Newport

One way from Warwick to Prudence, or Prudence to Warwick

1-2	\$100.00
3-4	\$110.00

* Rates are for individual reservations. If there is more than one reservation on board at a time, each party will pay for their own fare.

Please make reservations 24 hrs. in advance whenever possible. Reservations made less than 24 hrs. in advance will incur a 30% surcharge.

Normal operating hours are from 8am to 6 pm, any unreserved service outside these hrs. will incur a 30% surcharge.

Reservations may be made as far in advance as is convenient for you, cancellations and changes must be made 24 hrs. prior to pick up.

NOTE: Luggage rates vary according to weight and size, due to limited space on the boat.