

February 27, 2008

Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk  
R. I. Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: Application for Approval to Amend Tariff for RIPTA Sponsored Ferry  
Transportation Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-3-10 and 11 And Request for  
Expedited Consideration Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-3-12

Dear Luly:

Enclosed find an Application for Approval to Amend Tariff and Request for Expedited Consideration and nine copies for filing in the above captioned matter.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at 456-1234. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Peter J. McGinn

PJM:mfs

cc: Steven Scilabba  
Leo Wold, Esq.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND FAST :  
FERRY, LLC :  
(Tariff Filing) :

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND TARIFF FOR RIPTA-SPONSORED  
FERRY TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. §§ 39-3-10 AND 11 AND  
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-3-10 and 39-3-11, New England Fast Ferry Company, LLC ("New England Fast Ferry") submits this application for approval of its amended rates for seasonal ferry transportation connecting the termini of Providence and Newport. The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority ("RIPTA"), as sponsor of the seasonal ferry service, joins this application.

In support of this application, New England Fast Ferry and RIPTA state the following:

1. RIPTA has received grant funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality ("CMAQ") Program, administered by the United States Department of Transportation. RIPTA has received the CMAQ funding for the primary purpose of linking centralized marine transportation services together with ground transportation options located in Providence and Newport. Since June 2000, RIPTA has sponsored the operation of ferry transportation between Providence and Newport.

2. Pursuant to a competitive bidding process, RIPTA selected New England Fast Ferry in December 2002 as the provider of the seasonal ferry transportation services.

3. In a filing in the Spring of 2005, in approving fares for the 2005 operating season, the Commission exercised its option under R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12 to waive public notice and hearings based upon the fact that the services do not constitute "lifeline" ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population.

4. In planning for the 2008 season, New England Fast Ferry and RIPTA have undertaken a careful review of its operating schedules and as submitted herein, request the waiver of public notice by the Public Utilities Commission and hearing for the following tariff changes:

(i) To change the times of trips, as reflected on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to better reflect the desires and needs of New England Fast Ferry's customers;

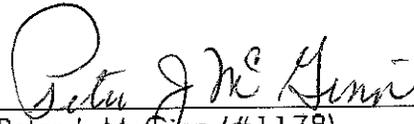
(ii) To increase by \$1.00 the one way adult fare and the fare for seniors and disabled, as evidenced on Exhibit 1, which will further reduce a deficiency between revenues and expenses; and

(iii) to provide for a special student fare from May 16, 2008 to June 30, 2008, as evidenced on Exhibit 1 which will hopefully increase usage during the Spring of 2008.

5. New England Fast Ferry and RIPTA respectfully request that the Commission adhere to its past practice and exercise its authority under R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12 to

waive further investigation, further notice and hearing regarding the tariff for seasonal ferry transportation services.

WHEREFORE, New England Fast Ferry and RIPTA request that the Commission approve the proposed amended tariff for the seasonal ferry transportation between Providence and Newport.

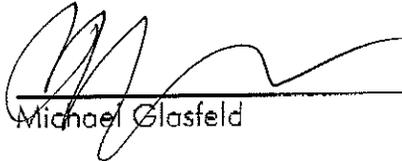


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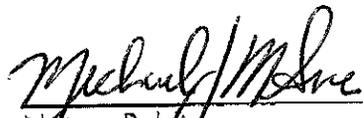
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I, Michael Glasfeld, as President of New England Fast Ferry, LLC, swear that I have reviewed the contents of this application and attest to the accuracy of its factual representations regarding the operating costs for the seasonal ferry transportation services:

  
Michael Glasfeld

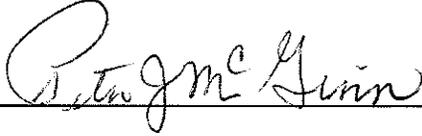
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PROVIDENCE, SC.

Signed and sworn before me on this 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 7/5/09

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on February 27, 2008 I mailed a copy of the within Application For Approval to Amend Tariff via first class mail to Leo Wold, Esq., Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 and Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, Attention: Steven Scialabba, Chief Accountant, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.

  
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**RIPTA  
Providence - Newport Ferry  
New Schedule/Fares  
2008**

Current Schedule		2008 Proposed Ocean State Schedule		Current Fare Structure		Proposed Fare Structure	
Dpt PVD	Arriv Npt.	Dpt Npt.	Arriv PVD	Adult	One Way	Adult	One Way
8:30am	9:35	9:50	10:55	Seniors 65+ Disabled/ADA	\$6.00	Seniors 65+ Disabled/ADA	\$7.00
11:15am	12:20pm	12:40	1:45	Children (Under 5yrs. W adult)	Free	Children (Under 5yrs. W adult)	Free
2:00pm	3:05	4:00	5:05	Bicycles	\$2.00	Bicycles	\$2.00
5:30pm	6:35	7:00	8:05				
8:30pm	9:35	10:00	11:05				
11:30pm	12:35am	1:00	2:05				
(Saturday Only)							
Proposed Schedule		2008		Proposed Fare Structure		Changes	
Dpt PVD	Arriv. Npt.	Dpt Npt.	Arriv PVD	Adult	One Way	Adult	Rd Trip
8:30am	9:35	9:50	10:55	Seniors 65+ Disabled/ADA	\$7.00	Seniors 65+ Disabled/ADA	\$14.00
11:15am	12:20pm	1:50	2:55	Children (Under 5yrs. W adult)	Free	Children (Under 5yrs. W adult)	Free
3:20pm	4:25	4:50	5:55	Bicycles	\$2.00	Bicycles	\$4.00
6:05pm	7:10	7:25	8:30	Students May 16 - June 30	\$2.00	Students May 16 - June 30	\$4.00
8:40pm	9:45	9:50	10:55				
(Saturday Only)							