

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND FAST FERRY, LLC : DOCKET NO. 3926
TARIFF FILING :

ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2008, New England Fast Ferry (“NEFF”) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval of its tariff amendment setting rates and schedules¹ for ferry transportation between the city of Newport and the city of Providence for effect May 16, 2008; 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;² and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2008, 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 March 27, 2008, 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

¹ On March 11, 2008, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers approved the schedule proposed by NEFF in Order No. 19245.

² 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--\$9.00 one way, \$18.00 round trip; Senior Citizens, Disabled Individuals and children Ages 5-11 - \$7.00 one way, \$14.00 round trip; children under 5 years old are free, and NEFF is proposing a student rate for the period May 16, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$2.00 one way and \$4.00 round trip. The need for the rate increase is to reduce a deficiency between revenues and expenses. The need for the schedule change is to better reflect the desires and needs of NEFF’s customers.

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

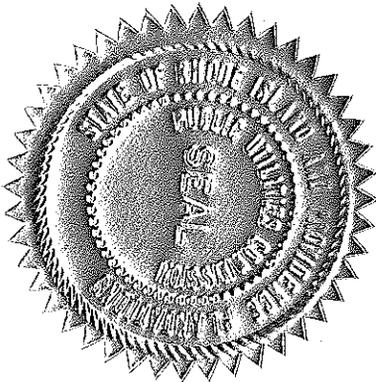
Accordingly, it is

(19263) ORDERED:

1. That the March 27, 2008 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, 2008, 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, 2008, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MARCH 27, 2008. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON APRIL 4, 2008.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani

Elia Germani, Chairman

Robert B. Holbrook

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Mary E. Bray

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