

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CONANITCUT MARINE SERVICES, INC :
(JAMESTOWN AND NEWPORT : DOCKET NO. 3953
FERRY) :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2008, Jamestown and Newport Ferry Company (“the Company”) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval of its rates and schedule for ferry transportation between Jamestown and Newport commencing on May 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The proposed ferry rates were increased by a range of \$0.50 to \$1.50 from the previous season as a result of higher fuel and insurance costs and are subject to Commission’s approval; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2008, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a Memorandum with the Commission recommending approval of the rates, noting that the service is a discretionary service. The Division also recommended that the proposed fares be approved as filed noting that further investigation and public hearings were not necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Commission considered the matter at an open meeting on May 15, 2008 and found the proposed rates to be proper, reasonable, and in the best interests of the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, The Commission further found that a comprehensive rate proceeding is not required in this matter and therefore elected to exercise 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

(19294) ORDERED:

1. That the April 23, 2008 tariff filing made by Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between Newport and Jamestown commencing on May 24, 2008 is hereby approved.
2. Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. shall file an updated pricing schedule when it is printed.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 24, 2008, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 15, 2008. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON MAY 20, 2008.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani

Elia Germani, Chairman

Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner*

Mary E. Bray

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*Commissioner Holbrook abstained.