

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: OLDPORT MARINE SERVICES, INC. :
2017 RATES

DOCKET NO. 4155

ORDER

On February 8, 2017, Oldport Marine Services, Inc. (Oldport) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) its proposed tariffs increasing its rates for the all-day unlimited pass from \$10.00 to \$12.00. The remaining rates remained unchanged. Oldport also proposed to increase adult one-way and round-trip rates for the Newport Folk Festival (July 28-30, 2017) and the Newport Jazz Festival (August 4-6, 2017) shuttle service in Newport Harbor. The proposed rates would be a \$1.00 increase, to \$6.00, for a one-way trip and a \$2.00 increase, to \$12.00, for a round trip. The remaining rates remained unchanged.

On February 17, 2017, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers submitted a memorandum summarizing the three requested increases and recommending approval without further investigation.

On February 27, 2017, the PUC considered the matter at an Open Meeting and found that a comprehensive rate proceeding was not required. It elected to exercise its option under R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-12, finding that, because the service proposed by Oldport does not constitute lifeline ferry service to an isolated ratepayer population, good cause existed to waive further investigation, further notice, and public hearing. The PUC also found the proposed rates set forth in the tariffs to be reasonable.

Accordingly, it is

(22734) ORDERED:

That the February 8, 2017 tariff filing made by Oldport Marine Services, Inc., seeking approval of its rates for harbor shuttle service and cruise ship tender service, is hereby approved for the 2017 season.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON MARCH 23, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION




Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson


Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner


Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.