



June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Application for Approval to Establish Tariff for Aquidneck Ferry & Charter 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 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 401-225-8956. Thank you

Sincerely,

  
Captain Addison Closson

cc: Ralph Kinder  
Sherry Gouldin  
Armstrong, Gibbons & Gnys, LLP in Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: AQUIDNECK FERRY & CHARTER  
(Tariff Filing)

APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC FERRY 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 Aquidneck Ferry & Charter (Aquidneck Ferry)

Submits this application for approval of the proposed rates for seasonal ferry transportation connecting the termini of the public ferry dock at Perotti Park, Newport and DEM's public ferry dock at Fort Adams, Newport.

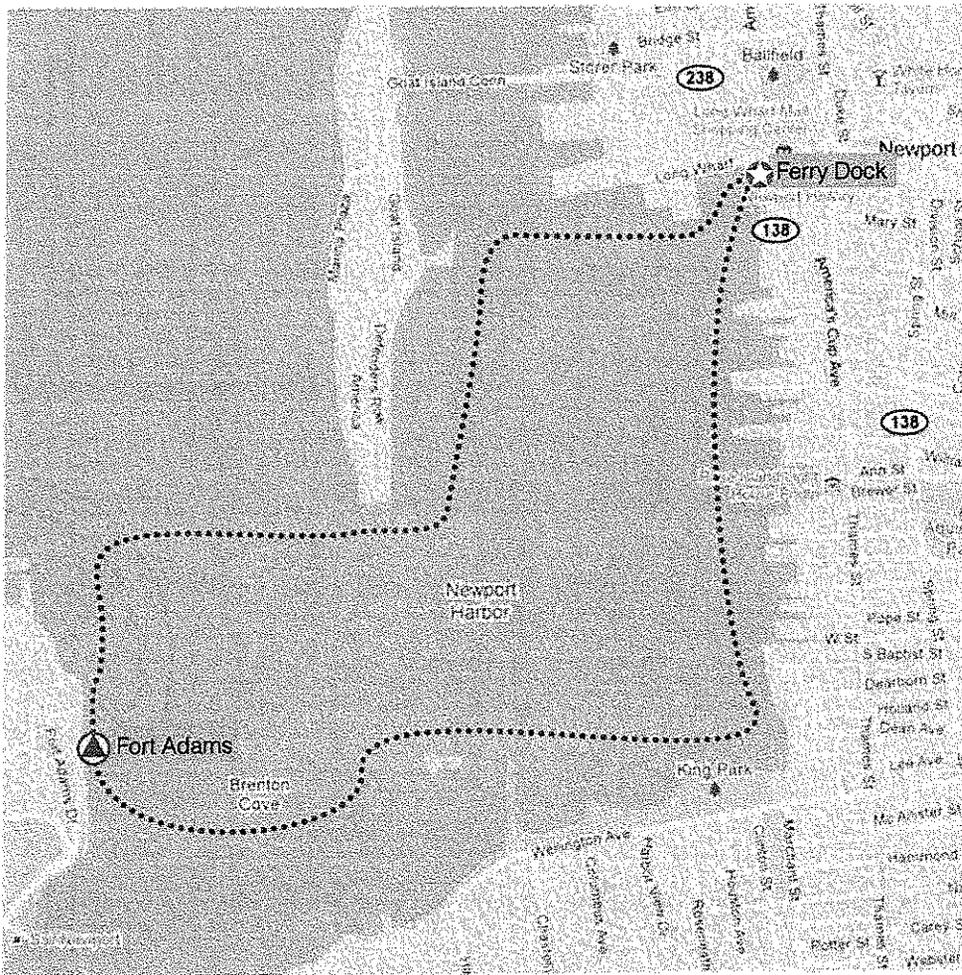
The Division of Motor Carriers granted in February 2011 Aquidneck Ferry & Charter - Docket No. D-10-01 application for public ferry service within Newport harbor. The application approval was primarily based the publics need to accommodate the physically disabled who normally didn't have access various public harbor venues via water transportation. Aquidneck Ferry provided evidence of need and significant modifications to be equipped to meet the water based public transportation needs for Newport harbor.

\* Aquidneck Ferry (or AF as she is know today) is a 1953 wooden - 65' packet boat, built in Biloxi Mississippi as a shrimp fishing boat. She was later converted to a passenger vessel, and has had a long history of service in Chicago, Florida, Gulf Coast States later in Philadelphia and is now based in Newport and Jamestown RI. She was renamed "Aquidneck Ferry" after one of the last ferry vessels servicing Goat Island and Long Wharf pre WWII. AF was refurbished and repowered 2010-11 and is now fully able to accommodate disabled persons in terms of boarding & handicap bathroom, and ease of access & movement by wheelchair. These extensive modifications and improvements (which are not required for this size vessel by USCG or by Federal Regulations) are exclusive to Aquidneck Ferry servicing Newport harbor, and per Aquidneck Ferry & Charter - Docket No. D-10-01 application for public ferry service within Newport harbor, granted by Division of Motor Carriers of the RI PUC in February 2011. For additional information, please visit our webpage: [www.aquidferry.com](http://www.aquidferry.com)

Aquidneck Ferry has had extensive modifications to meet the ADA requirements for public passenger vessel. Modifications included two (2) mid-ship (port/starboard) entry doors, two (2) dock to ship gangways, (1) ADA head (bathroom), wide aisles to access galley (food & beverage concessions) and comfortable safe seating/dining area.

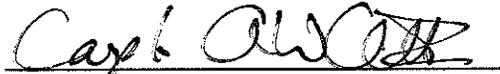
Proposed 2011 Schedule & Fare Structure: June 25 through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Departure Perrotti Park	Arrive Fort Adams	Departure Fort Adams	Arrive Perrotti Park	Day pass	Day pass:
10:30 AM	11:00 A	11:05 AM	11:20 AM	↓	Adult - \$15
11:30 AM	12:00 A	12:05 AM	12:20 PM		Children - 6 >12yrs - \$12
12:30 PM	1:00PM	1:05PM	1:20 PM		Children 0 > 5 yrs w /adult - Free
1:30 PM	2:00PM	2:05 PM	2:20 PM		(Pass allows passengers to hop on
2:30PM	3:00 PM	3:05 PM	3:20 PM		and hop off as they please)
3:30PM	4:00PM	4:05 PM	4:20 PM		
<hr/>				Evening Pass	Evening Pass:
4:30PM	5:00PM	5:05 PM	5:20 PM	↓	Adult - \$15
5:30PM	6:00PM	6:05 PM	6:20 PM		Children - 6 >12yrs - \$12
6:30PM	7:00PM	7:05 PM	7:20 PM		Children 0 > 5 yrs w /adult - Free
7:30PM	8:00PM	8:05 PM	8:20 PM		(Pass allows passengers to hop on
8:30PM	9:00PM	9:05 PM	9:20 PM		and hop off as they please)



1. Aquidneck Ferry & Charter respectfully request that the Commission adhere to its past practice and exercise its authority 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, and waive further investigation, further notice and hearing regarding the tariff for seasonal ferry transportation services.

WHEREFORE, Aquidneck Ferry & Charter request that the Commission approve the proposed tariff for seasonal ferry transportation between the public ferry dock at Perrotti Park Newport and the public ferry dock at Fort Adams.



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