

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

**IN RE: CONANICUT MARINE SERVICES, INC** :  
**(JAMESTOWN AND NEWPORT** : **DOCKET NO. 4389**  
**FERRY) 2018 RATES** :

**ORDER**

On February 26, 2018, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. (Conanicut), operating the Jamestown and Newport Ferry, filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval of its rates and schedule for ferry transportation between Jamestown and Newport commencing on June 18, 2018. Conanicut proposed to increase all Adult round-trip tickets by \$2.00, with the Ten-Pack ticket rate increasing by \$50.00 to \$190.00. Senior and Military tickets will increase by \$1.00. Weekday Teen round-trip tickets will now be offered at \$16.00. A new Family pack of tickets for two adults and two children (five to twelve years old/four years and under free) will be offered for \$62.00. A new special events ticket will be offered for all passengers at \$30.00, with children 4 years old and under still free.

On April 2, 2018, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a Memorandum with the Public Utilities 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. Finally, the Division recommended that all tariff change submissions should include a complete list of currently approved rates along with a complete list of proposed changes and proposed rates.

The PUC considered the matter at an Open Meeting on April 3, 2018 and found the proposed rates to be proper, reasonable, and in the best interest of the ratepayers. The PUC found that a comprehensive rate proceeding is not required in this matter and therefore elected to exercise its option under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-12, on the basis that good cause to existed to waive further investigation, further notice and, public hearing based upon the fact that the service proposed by Conanicut Marine Services does not constitute lifeline ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population. The PUC found the Division's proposal regarding the filing requirements to be reasonable and adopted the recommendations.

Accordingly, it is

(23159) ORDERED:

1. That the February 26, 2018 tariff filing made by Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between Newport and Jamestown commencing on May 26, 2018, is hereby approved.
2. In future filings, Conanicut Marine Services shall file a redlined version of the tariff showing the changes being proposed together with a clean version in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON APRIL 3, 2018. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON MAY 15, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



*Margaret E. Curran*

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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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**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.