

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CONANICUT MARINE SERVICES, INC :  
(JAMESTOWN AND NEWPORT : DOCKET NO. 4389  
FERRY) 2016 RATES :

ORDER

On February 1, 2016, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., 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 May 28, 2016. Citing rising costs, Conanicut Marine Services proposed to increase the proposed ferry rates by \$1.00 for all tickets, with the Bulk Ticket Rate increasing from \$130.00 to \$140.00.

On February 16, 2016, 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.

The PUC considered the matter at an Open Meeting on February 25, 2016 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.

Accordingly, it is

(22358) ORDERED:

That the February 1, 2016 tariff filing made by Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between Newport and Jamestown commencing on May 28, 2016, is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 26, 2016,  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON FEBRUARY 25, 2016.  
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON MARCH 15, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



*Margaret E. Curran*  
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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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\*Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

*Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr.*  
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Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner

\*Commissioner Roberti concurs with this decision but is unavailable for signature.

**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.