



SUSTAINING COMMUNITY VALUES
SINCE 1985.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

2016 FEB 12 PM 4: 29

RECEIVED

February 9, 2016

Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council a non-profit 501 (c) (3) agency is requesting a rate change for the Blackstone Valley Explorer, Intrastate Certificate #:W-1161, for the 2016 season. The Blackstone Valley Explorer has public tours scheduled on Sundays at 1PM, 2PM, 3PM and 4PM from May 8--October 30 in Central Falls, Pawtucket, East Providence and Woonsocket.

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has not requested a rate change in 10 years. Since that date there has been a reduction in capacity from 49 passengers to 40 due to the weight change by the Coast Guard, an increase in labor and maintenance costs, and the cost of moving the Explorer to the four sites has sharply risen. The Blackstone Valley Explorer does not provide a lifeline service and has one day a week for Public Tours and provides special events, charters and educational tours the rest of the week.

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is requesting a rate change of an Adult ticket price of \$12.00 and a Child/Senior ticket price of \$10. For on line ticket purchases there is a processing charge of \$1.00 and a contribution of \$1.00 to the Blackstone Valley Heritage Environmental Trust Fund.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Natalie Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Natalie Carter
Director of Operations

175 MAIN STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860
401-724-2200 | INFO@TOURBLACKSTONE.COM

Massaro, Luly (PUC)

From: NCarter620@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:43 PM
To: Massaro, Luly (PUC)
Subject: Blackstone Valley Tourism Council
Attachments: Explorer both.pdf

Hello,

I have attached our 2015 schedules that show the price for the explorer for that season. the price for the adults is \$10 and the children/senior price is \$8. Last year we started the season in Pawtucket move to Central Falls then to Woonsocket finally back to Pawtucket. This year our season will run from May 8-October 30.

If you need additional information please let me know.

Regards,
Natalie Carter
Director of Operations
Blackstone Valley Tourism Council
401.724.2200

BLACKSTONE VALLEY EXPLORER RIVERBOAT TOURS



Join Us
For A Fun
& Informative
45 Minute
Nature Cruise
Down The Historic
Blackstone River

Discover the
Hidden Beauty
and learn about the
Ecology & History
of the
Region

**PUBLIC TOURS SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM APRIL - OCTOBER**

Tours Depart from either:

Festival Pier

(Tim Healey Way, Pawtucket) **OR**

Central Falls Landing

(45 Madeira Ave., Central Falls, RI)

ADULTS
ONLY \$10
CHILDREN &
SENIORS
\$8

Visit **RIVERTOURBLACKSTONE.COM**
for tickets & dates at each location

4th Sundays of the month are FREE thanks to:
(Registration required. Go online to RiverTourBlackstone.com)



BLACKSTONE VALLEY EXPLORER RIVERBOAT TOURS



Join Us
For A Fun
& Informative
45 Minute
Nature Cruise
Down The Historic
Blackstone River

Discover the
Hidden Beauty
and learn about the
Ecology & History
of the
Region

**PUBLIC TOURS SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
THROUGH OCTOBER 2015**

Tours Depart from either:

Cold Spring Park

(Katherine Road, Woonsocket) **OR**

Festival Pier

(Tim Healey Way, Pawtucket)

ADULTS
ONLY \$10
CHILDREN &
SENIORS
\$8

Visit **RIVERTOURBLACKSTONE.COM**
for tickets & dates at each location

Last Sundays of the month are FREE thanks to:
(Registration required. Go online to RiverTourBlackstone.com)

