

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

**IN RE: SEASTREAK, LLC** :  
**TARIFF FILING** : **DOCKET NO. 4621**

**ORDER**

On April 24, 2018, SeaStreak, LLC (SeaStreak), together with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (DOT), filed a Tariff Advice with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to add a \$5.00 exchange fee to its rate tariff for ferry transportation between the City of Providence and the City of Newport commencing with the 2018 season.<sup>1</sup> On April 26, 2018, after a review of SeaStreak's filing, John Bell, Assistant Chief Accountant of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division), filed a memorandum with the PUC recommending approval of the proposed exchange fee.<sup>2</sup>

On May 16, 2018, the PUC considered the matter at an Open Meeting and approved the proposed exchange fee. Based upon the fact that the services proposed by the applicant do not constitute lifeline ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population, the PUC further found good cause existed, under R.I. Gen. Laws. § 39-3-12, to waive further investigation, further notice, and public hearing.

Accordingly, it is

(23171) ORDERED:

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<sup>1</sup> 2018 Tariff Advice Filing; <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4621-SeaStreak-Tariff2018.pdf>. The 2018 season will run from May 25, 2018 through October 8, 2018. The project is subsidized through a grant to the State of Rhode Island under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The project is operated under a contract with DOT. 2016 Tariff Filing; [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4621-SeaStreak-Tariff\\_6-9-16.pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4621-SeaStreak-Tariff_6-9-16.pdf). The passenger fares for the ferry service only remain unchanged: Adults--\$10.00 one way, \$20.00 round trip; Senior Citizens, Disabled Individuals and children Ages 12 and under - \$5.00 one way, \$10.00 round trip. 2018 Tariff Advice Filing.

<sup>2</sup> Bell Mem.; [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4621-DIV-Memo\(4-26-18\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4621-DIV-Memo(4-26-18).pdf).

The April 24, 2018 Tariff Advice filing made by SeaStreak, LLC and DOT, seeking approval to add an exchange fee to its rate tariff for ferry transportation between the City of Providence and the City of Newport commencing with the 2018 season, is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 25, 2018,  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 16, 2018. WRITTEN  
ORDER ISSUED ON MAY 25, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairman

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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Abigail Anthony in black ink.

Abigail Anthony, 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 7 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.