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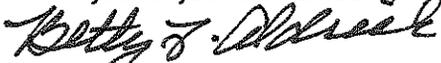
Dear Commission Members,

On the subject of the Prudence Island Ferry situation, I would like to submit my opinion. I have been an "Islander" since the early 1950's when my mother Ethel Fitton Owen introduced her family to the Island. My family purchased our house at Sand Point in 1961. I became a "year rounder" in 1986 after the death of my husband (on the Island, I might add) in 1985, and my retirement . Three of my four children own/have owned and lived year round on the Island.

I have know Bruce Medley since he was a teenager. I was one of the Islanders who supported his Island Transport endeavor when he started it. I will continue to support him and his business in any way I can. I have always found him and his crew to be nothing less than accomaditing. Always helpful with a hand with baggage and/or freight. To the point of driving my car onto the boat when I was nervous about where they wanted me to "fit". They always managed to fit me in whenever I had to take the car off to make Doctor appointments, or go grocery shopping. As you have no doubt learned, Island living is not an easy task, especially for the elderly. The motor vehicle has taken on an entirely different importance to that end. His Island Transport business introduced a totally different concept to the idea of living on an Island, versus just visiting an Island, in the balmy summer weather. Without that concept, Prudence Island would not have become what it is today, be that good or bad.

I guess you could say, that without Bruce, my life as I know it, and my retirement, would not have been the same. I finally gave up year round Island living in 2008. I am now eighty nine years old. For twenty seven of those years, I have Bruce to thank for glorious sunrises and sunsets.

Thank you for your consideration,



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December 12, 2013

RE: Prudence Ferry

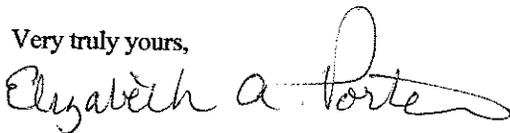
Although I now reside in Florida, I commuted to work daily on the Prudence Ferry for eighteen (18) years until February, 2011, at which time I retired from the State of Rhode Island. Prudence Ferry, Inc., is a very reliable company with friendly, accommodating, and highly experienced captain(s) and crew.

Throughout the duration of my commuting years, I found the Prudence Ferry to be of the utmost in comfort in all seasons as well as all kinds of weather. The crew was always available to help with parcels, answer questions, even help to park my car as well as to help remove snow from my car in the winter.

Also too, a matter which one may not think about, is bad weather. This company always operated the Prudence Ferry in a manner which I would never ever feel scared. Often the weather could become extreme, running in the daylight or the dark, winter or summer, this crew handled the ferry with experience that often cannot be duplicated.

I cannot speak highly enough of Prudence Ferry, Inc., and all that it represents. Riding the ferry for eighteen (18) years, I feel that my experiences are indicative of the expert manner in which this company operates.

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth A. Porter

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Box 301
Prudence Island, RI 02872
November 16, 2013

Luly Massaro, Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: DPUC Docket No. D-13-105

Dear Ms. Massaro,

We have enclosed a copy of our previous letter that we sent to you regarding the present and future Prudence Island ferry service. We know that you may have that copy before you now, but we thought to be sure that we would include this copy. The letter says what we have to say about the ferry.

We have the option of using our own boat. Most people do not have that option. As we age, we may not have that option either.

It is ESSENTIAL that we have the most reliable and respectful service possible. We realize that no one is perfect and no system will be perfect, but a ferry that is run by islanders, embedded in the culture here, respectful of their neighbors, besides being skillful and knowledgeable -- what could be better than that?

I could go on and on, but we are not negative folks and we do not wish to denigrate the present ferry system, especially not the crew! But let's have a change here!

Thank you for listening to us.

Sincerely yours,

Grace McEntee Matt McEntee

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Box 301
Prudence Island, RI 02872
October 14, 2013

Luly Massaro, Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro,

As you know, our ferry system on Prudence Island may be in transition. You also know that the ferry is the lifeline for most of the islanders. It is their only way to move from home to the mainland. Therefore, it is of great concern that the ferry continue to operate.

Not only is it essential that the ferry operate, it is also essential that it operate with consideration for its passengers. For years we have had no restroom on the ferry. It is not handicapped accessible, nor are the cabins adequately heated. The majority of our residents are senior citizens.

It seems in this day and age that one should be able to purchase ferry tickets with a credit card and that one should have access to safe parking nearby.

Most important is that those who run the ferry must be respectful and courteous to the patrons. Certainly we have a crew now that is respectful and courteous. This has not always been the case.

Those of us who have lived on the island for many years have experienced disrespect and angry words. Under the current administration, it is feared that any suggestion about the operation of the ferry will result in reprisals.

We look forward to having a new ownership, an ownership and management that comes from the island, people who care about the island and its residents. This is THE most desirable option for us.

Please consider the application of A & R Marine for our future ferry service.

Sincerely yours,

Grace and Matt McEntee