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Ms. Luly Massaro
Commission Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Blvd.
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**Re: A & R Marine Corp. – Docket No. D-13-105
(Docket No. D-14-105)**

Dear Luly:

The Advocacy Section hereby offers no objection to A & R Marine Corp.'s Motion for Extension of Time to Meet the Conditions Imposed By Order No. 21363, submitted on July 9, 2014. Based on the representations of A & R Marine Corp. by and through its legal counsel, Mike McElroy, the Advocacy Section is satisfied that substantial effort is being put forth to comply with the conditions required by the Division before issuing to A & R a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for ferry service between Bristol and Prudence and Hog Islands. It appears that A & R is working in an expeditious manner and that substantial progress has been made through these efforts. As such, A & R's request for an extension from August 27, 2014 until September 30, 2014, appears to be reasonable and made in good faith.

The Advocacy Section has made inquiry with A & R about the specifics of what it plans to do on September 15, 2014, when its lease for the Bristol dock begins. In response, A & R provided details about its plan to offer passenger-only service for approximately two weeks while necessary repairs are made. During this time, A & R plans to side load its newly retrofitted vessel, the M/V Bonner, at the Bristol dock for passengers. Additionally, A & R's "stand-by" landing craft owned by an affiliated company will be on hand to haul freight and a limited number of cars and/or trucks. The improvements that will be made at this time are safety repairs that simply must be completed. Further, A & R has communicated with the residents of Prudence Island and informed them during a public meeting on June 28, 2014 of the anticipated interruption of full service at the end of September.

The Advocacy Section is satisfied that the additional time sought by the instant Motion is necessary and justified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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