



Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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Public Utilities Commission
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Members of the Public Utilities Commission:

I am in receipt of the application submitted to you on July 2, 2013 by Charles Donadio, Jr., proprietor of Rhode Island Fast Ferry, Inc., requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to operate a fast ferry between Quonset Point, North Kingstown, and Old Harbor, Block Island, pursuant to RIGL 39-3.

Mr. Donadio has very successfully provided fast ferry service from Quonset Point to Martha's Vineyard for the past ten years. An expansion of his business to service Block Island will allow both local and visiting tourists the convenience of a fast ferry with easy access to Quonset Point off of Route 95 via Route 403. Additional ferry services from Quonset Point will be beneficial to our business climate here in North Kingstown, and for Block Island as well. The potential for inter-modal connections between the ferry, RIPTA bus service, commuter rail service at Wickford Junction in North Kingstown, and T.F. Green Airport in Warwick supports our common goal of encouraging alternative modes of public transportation throughout Rhode Island and the nation.

On behalf of the North Kingstown Town Council, we wholeheartedly support this application, and urge you to approve the license. We would be happy to testify on behalf of this application when the matter is scheduled for public hearing in the near future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Dolan
North Kingstown Town Council President

cc: Charles Donadio, Jr.
Alan Shoer and James Hall, Attorneys Adler, Pollock and Sheehan
Steven King, Quonset Development Corporation

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