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

RE: Docket No. D-13-51
Rhode Island Fast Ferry
Proposed Service from Quonset to Block Island

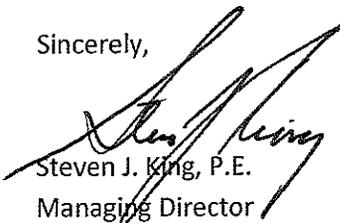
Dear Commissioners:

The Rhode Island Fast Ferry (RIFF) has been a tenant in the Quonset Business Park since 2003 and has recently extended their lease until 2035. The Quonset Development Corporation, with funding from RI Department of Transportation's Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, has recently completed two new docks in support of RIFF operations.

RIFF recently invested \$6.5 million in a new high speed vessel for the Martha's Vineyard service, and hired an additional 12 people to operate it. This ferry service, together with their Lighthouse Cruises, encourage both in-state and regional tourism and are an asset to the State of Rhode Island.

The proposed new service to Block Island is consistent with their lease, will optimize the new docking facilities, and will create additional investment and employment. Please accept QDC's support of RI Fast Ferry's application.

Sincerely,



Steven J. King, P.E.
Managing Director

cc: Charlie Donadio, RI Fast Ferry