

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

IN RE: Application by Rhode Island Fast           :  
Ferry, Inc. for Water Carrier Authority    : Docket No. D-13-51

**ORDER**

(In response to Motion for extension of time)

Whereas: On July 2, 2013, Rhode Island Fast Ferry, Inc., 1347 Roger Williams Way, North Kingstown, Rhode Island (“RIFF” or “Applicant”), filed an application with the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) seeking authority to operate as a seasonal “fast ferry” water carrier of passengers between Quonset Point, North Kingstown and Old Harbor, Block Island. RIFF’s application was filed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws, Sections 39-3-3 and 39-3-3.1, which require the issuance of a “certificate of public convenience and necessity” (“CPCN”) by the Division before “water carrier” services can be provided between points within the State.

Whereas: The Division established a procedural schedule in this docket during a scheduling conference conducted on August 21, 2013.

Whereas: On October 3, 2013, the Applicant filed a motion for an extension of time to file pre-filed direct testimony in this docket. The Applicant seeks an additional 30 days to file its pre-filed direct testimony and “a corresponding shift of approximately 30 days for each of the remaining deadlines to the procedural schedule.” In its supporting memorandum, the

Applicant states that “it has consulted with the other Parties and that no Party opposes this request.”

Whereas: The Division has considered the Applicant’s stated reasons for the requested extension, and in view of the lack of any opposition from the other Parties, finds the request reasonable. The relevant scheduling changes are reflected below:

- November 4, 2013 - Deadline for RIFF to file pre-filed direct testimony;
- November 28, 2013 - Deadline for Intervenors and Advocacy Section to propound discovery;
- December 30, 2013 - Deadline for RIFF to answer discovery;
- February 6, 2014 - Deadline for Intervenors and Advocacy Section to file pre-filed direct testimony;
- February 20, 2014 - Deadline for RIFF to propound discovery in response to pre-filed direct testimony from Intervenors and Advocacy Section (OPTIONAL);
- March 10, 2014 - Deadline for Intervenors and Advocacy Section to answer discovery;
- April 3, 2014 - Deadline for RIFF to file rebuttal testimony;
- April 18, 2014 - Deadline for Intervenors and Advocacy Section to file surrebuttal testimony;
- May 7, 8 and 9, 2014 - Public Hearings (10:00 A.M.) – at 89 Jefferson Blvd;
- June 6, 2014 - Deadline for submitting briefs (50-page limit; 12-font min.); and
- June 20, 2014 - Deadline for submitting reply briefs (10-page limit; 12-font min.).

Now, therefore, it is

(21189) ORDERED:

1. The motion for an extension of time to file pre-filed direct testimony, filed by Rhode Island Fast Ferry, Inc., is hereby granted.
2. The Parties are instructed to follow the amended schedule provided herein.

Dated and Effective at Warwick, Rhode Island on October 3, 2013.

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

  
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John Spirito, Jr., Esq.  
Hearing Officer

APPROVED:   
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Thomas F. Ahern  
Administrator