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

Re: Interstate Navigation Company
Docket Nos. D-20-08 and D-20-09

Dear Luly:

As you know, this office represents Interstate Navigation Company d/b/a The Block Island Ferry (“Interstate”).

I am in receipt of the Notice of Hearing in the two subject dockets which you sent to me on August 12, 2020, scheduling hearings in these dockets for August 20, 2020.

On behalf of Interstate, please note the following:

1. Interstate hereby withdraws its request in Docket No. D-20-08 dated July 31, 2020 for approval of a “triangle” fast ferry run with the M/V *Islander*, as described in that request. Interstate is currently running the M/V *Islander* from Newport to Block Island and back once a day and will continue to do so through Labor Day, weather permitting, and barring emergency breakdown. In light of our withdrawal, I assume a hearing will not be necessary in Docket No. D-20-08. If my assumption is incorrect, please let me know.
2. The Notice of Hearing said that if Interstate needed additional time to address the issues in Docket D-20-09, the Division would schedule a hearing on those issues at a later date.

Interstate does need additional time to address these issues and respectfully requests a continuance of the August 20 hearing to no earlier than the end of September, 2020. By

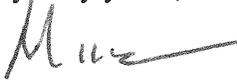
then, Interstate's busy season should be finished and we will be able to focus on responding to the issues in Docket No. D-20-09.

3. We respectfully request that the hearing, when it is scheduled, not be scheduled as an in-person hearing, in light of the COVID-19 crisis. I am at high risk regarding COVID-19 for several medical reasons. I have recently participated in Division hearings that were conducted by way of a conference call or other similar arrangements, and hopefully that will be acceptable.

In this regard, I also suggest that a schedule be set for the pre-filing of testimony prior to the hearing. I believe the pre-filing of testimony would make the hearing proceed more smoothly, especially in light of the fact that we are asking for it to be done remotely.

I thank the Division for their consideration of these requests.

Very truly yours,



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