

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND FAST FERRY, LLC :
TARIFF FILING : DOCKET NO. 3586

ORDER

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2004, New England Fast Ferry (“NEFF”) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval of its tariff amendment setting rates for ferry transportation between the city of Newport and the city of Providence for effect May 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The proposed ferry rates were negotiated by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (“RIPTA”) and NEFF and are subject to Commission’s approval;¹ and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2004, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a response to NEFF’s application indicating that it had reviewed the proposed tariff amendment and recommended approval of the tariff amendment as filed; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2004, the Commission considered the matter at an open meeting and found the proposed rates set forth in the tariff amendment to be proper, reasonable, and in the best interests of the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, The Commission further finds that a comprehensive rate proceeding is not required in this matter and therefore exercises its option under R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12, finding good cause to exist to waive further investigation, further notice and public

¹ The project is subsidized through a grant of \$900,000 to the State of Rhode Island under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (“CMAQ”) Program. The project is to be operated under a contract with RIPTA. The passenger fares for the ferry service only are as follows: Adults--\$7.00 one way, \$14.00 round trip; Senior Citizens, Disabled Individuals and children Ages 5-11 - \$5.00 one way, \$10.00 round trip; and children under 5 years old are free.

hearing based upon the fact that the services, proposed by the applicant, do not constitute “lifeline” ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population.

Accordingly, it is

(17791) ORDERED:

1. That the March 18, 2004 tariff filing made by New England Fast Ferry, LLC seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between the city of Newport and the city of Providence for effect May 1, 2004, is hereby approved.
2. Appendix A of the March 18, 2004 tariff filing, attached and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted and shall constitute the authorized rates and schedules of New England Fast Ferry, LLC, until further ordered by the Commission.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 18, 2004,
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON
MARCH 26, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner