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Memo To: Luly Massaro
Commission Clerk

From : Patricia Smith *P.S.*
Rate Analyst

Subject : Docket No. 4389 – Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. / Tariff for Cruise Tender Service

On April 15, 2022, Conanicut Marine Services Inc. (“CMS”), submitted a filing requesting the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approve a rate of \$7,000/day for cruise ship tender service. In the Newport area, cruise ships anchor offshore and use tenders (small boats) to transport passengers to and from shore. The proposed daily charge will be paid by the cruise ship and the individual passengers will not incur any additional fees. According to the filing, “the tender service to be offered by CMS is a discretionary, contractual service and not a lifeline service.” The Division agrees with CMS’s characterization of the service. Furthermore, the Division finds that the instant tariff filing accords with Division Order No. 24355 recently issued on April 15th in Docket D-22-05, by which the Division granted CMS a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to operate as the seasonal water vessel passenger carrier described herein. Precisely, CMS has satisfied all terms and conditions required prior to issuance of the CPCN or commencement of service, to include filing with the PUC its tariff ‘reflecting the rates and charges to be charged for its services.’ *D-22-05 Order No. 24355* at 16. Accordingly, the Division does not believe a formal review or a hearing on the proposed rate is necessary. The Division recommends approval of the rate as filed.