

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: CONANICUT MARINE SERVICES, INC** :  
**(JAMESTOWN AND NEWPORT** : **DOCKET NO. 23-11-FR**  
**FERRY) 2023 RATES** :

**ORDER**

On April 6, 2023, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. (Conanicut), operating the Jamestown and Newport Ferry, filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval of its rates and schedule for ferry transportation between Jamestown and Newport commencing on May 17, 2023. Conanicut proposed to increase the Adult round-trip tickets by \$3.00, the Child round-trip tickets by \$2.00, the Family Pack round-trip tickets by \$5.00 and the Ten-Pack tickets by \$10.00 to \$210.00. Weekday Teen, Senior and Military tickets are proposed to increase by \$2.00. A new Extraordinary Events ticket will be offered for all passengers at \$41.00. All tickets will be assessed an extra \$1.00 fuel surcharge.

On May 5, 2023, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a Memorandum with the Public Utilities Commission recommending approval of the rates, noting that the service is a discretionary service. The Division noted the proposed rates represented a minimal increase from currently approved rates. The Division recommended that the proposed fares be approved as filed, noting that further investigation and public hearings were not necessary

The PUC considered the matter at an Open Meeting on May 15, 2023 and found the proposed rates to be proper, reasonable, and in the best interest of the ratepayers. The PUC found that a comprehensive rate proceeding is not required in this matter and therefore elected to exercise its option under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-12, on the basis that

good cause to existed to waive further investigation, further notice and, public hearing based upon the fact that the service proposed by Conanicut Marine Services does not constitute lifeline ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population.

Accordingly, it is

(24655) ORDERED:

That the April 6, 2023 tariff filing made by Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., seeking approval of its rates for ferry transportation between Newport and Jamestown commencing on May 17, 2023, is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 17, 2023 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 15, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 16, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



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John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL:** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.