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Memo To: Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk

From : John Bell *JB*
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Subject : Docket 4598 – Fast Ferry Rate Filing for Interstate Navigation Company

On January 28, 2016, Interstate Navigation filed a rate application to change its fast ferry rates. The application included the supporting testimony of Mr. David Bebyn. As explained in the filing, this is the first rate change request since 2010 and in general, the proposal increases most rates by \$1.00 each way. Specifically, Interstate is asking to increase the fast ferry ticket rates as follows:

<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Adult One Way	\$18.50	\$19.50
Adult Round Trip	\$35.00	\$37.00
Child One Way	\$11.75	\$12.75
Child Round Trip	\$19.50	\$21.50
Adult 10 round trips	\$328.50	\$348.50
Child 10 round trips	\$180.00	\$200.00
Group Sales – May Jun, Sep & Oct: Mon –Thur.	\$24.50	\$26.50
Group Sales – May Jun, Sep & Oct: Fri, Sat & Sun	\$28.00	\$30.00
Group Sales – Jul & Aug: Mon –Thur.	\$29.75	\$31.75
Group Sales – Jul & Aug: Mon –Thur	\$31.50	\$33.50
Bicycle One-way	\$3.00	\$4.00
Bicycle Round Trip	\$6.00	\$8.00
Tandem Bike One -way	\$6.00	\$7.00
Tandem Bike Round Trip	\$12.00	\$14.00
Surfboards One-way	\$7.00	\$8.00
Surfboards Round Trip	\$14.00	\$16.00

In Docket 3762, which was Interstate Navigations 2006 general rate filing, The Division and the Company reached a settlement on all issues in the case including the fast ferry rates and terms and conditions. Section III.E. of the settlement stated:

The Fast Ferry service is a purely discretionary service. Therefore, Interstate shall be authorized to apply to the Commission from time to time to change Fast Ferry Rates and Terms and Conditions and, with Commission approval, to implement such changes on thirty (30) days' notice. The Division, except in extraordinary circumstances, will not object to any such changes, and will not request compliance with any traditional rate filing requirements other than the thirty (30) day notice.

In its Decision in this docket, the Commission approved the settlement reached between Interstate and the Division

As stated in the settlement, the Division agreed not to object to any change to the Fast Ferry Rates except in extraordinary circumstances. Currently there are no extraordinary circumstances that we are aware of that would cause the Division to object to Interstate's filing in this docket. As such, the Division has no objection to Interstate's proposed new rates and recommends the Commission approve the revised rates as filed.