

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY  
APPLICATION FOR WATER CARRIER CERTIFICATES  
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
TO OPERATE A FAST FERRY WATER VESSEL

DOCKET NO. D-05-06

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws, Sections 39-1-1, 39-3-3, 39-3-3.1 and 39-1-15, as amended, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division") will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 13, 2005 @ 10:00 A.M.** in the first floor hearing room of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

At this hearing, the Division will consider the propriety of an application by Interstate Navigation Company seeking water carrier certificates of public convenience and necessity to operate a fast ferry water vessel passenger and freight carrier 1) between Point Judith and Block Island (Old Harbor) and 2) between Newport and Block Island (Old Harbor). Interstate Navigation maintains that approval of the application will allow the company to meet the public's needs or demand for fast ferry travel to Block Island and at the same time, provide Interstate with additional revenues that would be available to maintain the Block Island's year-round life line rates stable and as low as possible. If approved, Interstate proposes to have fast ferry services in operation by the summer of 2006.

The application is on file and may be examined at the office of the Division and at the office of the Schacht & McElroy, 21 Dryden Lane, Providence, Rhode Island. The application can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/d-05-06page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/d-05-06page.html).

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8, 42-35-10.

THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Thomas F. Ahern, Administrator  
June 1, 2005