

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

IN RE: PETITIONS FILED BY ISLAND HI-SPEED FERRY LLC :
AND INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET NO. D-06-16
REGARDING THE COMPANIES' CERTIFICATES FOR : DOCKET NO. D-06-17
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ("CPCN") : DOCKET NO. D-05-06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws, Sections 39-1-1, 39-1-15, 39-3-3 and 39-3-3.1, as amended, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division") will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, May 1, 2006 @ 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 and examine the propriety of several filings submitted individually and jointly by Interstate Navigation Company ("Interstate") and Island Hi-Speed Ferry LLC ("IHSF") concerning the companies' Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to operate a fast ferry for the summer of 2006 from Point Judith to Old Harbor, Block Island. In Docket No. D-06-16, IHSF filed a petition seeking approval to hold its CPCN in dormancy for a period of one year, from May 15, 2006 up to and including May 15, 2007. This would allow IHSF to suspend its fast ferry operation for that period.

In Docket D-06-17, Interstate and IHSF filed a joint petition seeking approval of a Time Charter of the Motor Vessel *Athena* from IHSF to Interstate. This would allow Interstate to lease the *Athena* and provide fast ferry service for the period May 24, 2006 through October 9, 2006 instead of IHSF.

In Docket D-06-05, the Division granted to Interstate a CPCN to operate a seasonal fast ferry between Point Judith and Old Harbor, Block Island with the anticipation that Interstate will commence service in summer of 2007. The CPCN was granted with restrictions that limited

Interstate to run three trips per day between Point Judith to Old Harbor. On April 6, 2006, Interstate filed a motion for a one-year amendment to its fast ferry CPCN requesting the Division remove all restrictions on departure times for the summer of 2006.

The petitions and related documents are on file and may be examined at the office of the Division located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The petitions can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/d-06-17page.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
April 21, 2005