

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Public Services Commission

IN RE:)
)
V.I. SeaTrans Ferry Franchise)
Rate Investigation and Promulgation of)
Rules and Regulations Pursuant to)
Act No. 6918)
_____)

PSC DOCKET NO. 572

ORDER NUMBER: 07/2008_____

ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2007, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (“PSC” or “Commission”) met in regular session at the PSC Offices in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas;

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2007, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands enacted Act Number 6918, granting an exclusive franchise to Aquatic Management, LLC d/b/a V.I. SeaTrans (hereinafter “V.I. SeaTrans”) to provide ferry services between St. Croix and St. Thomas and St. Thomas and St. Croix;

WHEREAS, Act No. 6918 placed V.I. SeaTrans under the jurisdiction of the Public Services Commission for issues related to the adherence to the terms of the franchise including passenger schedules, passenger and commuter fees, variances from franchise terms and maintenance of the vessel, and the equipment;

WHEREAS, upon consideration and deliberation, the members of the Commission adopted temporary rules and regulations for the newly created Franchisee V.I. SeaTrans based upon the existing ferry franchisees – Varlack Ventures, Inc and Transportation Services of St. John, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Commission extended the period for promulgation of permanent Rules and Regulations for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days;

WHEREAS, the Commission gave V.I. SeaTrans an additional fifteen (15) days to review the existing rules and regulations and contact the PSC’s staff with any questions or concerns;

WHEREAS, the Commission ordered that a docket be opened to address these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners voted unanimously to take the aforementioned actions;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to adopt temporary rules and regulations for V.I. SeaTrans, with an extension of ninety (90) days for promulgation of permanent rules and regulations for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, be **GRANTED**; and finally,

It is hereby **ORDERED** that a docket be created relative to these proceedings.

Dated: December 11 2007

FOR THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Boschulte', written over a horizontal line.

JOSEPH B. BOSCHULTE

Chair