

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

Public Services Commission

IN RE:)	
)	PSC DOCKET NO. 572
V.I. SeaTrans Ferry Franchise)	
Rate Investigation and Promulgation of)	
Rules and Regulations Pursuant to)	ORDER NUMBER: 11/2008
Act No. 6918)	
_____)	

ORDER

WHEREAS, on August 23, 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 (Hereinafter “the Act”), 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, the Act 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, the Act required, *inter alia*, that the new franchisee V.I. SeaTrans must submit acceptance of the franchise agreement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Act required, *inter alia*, that the PSC within thirty (30) days after the enactment of the Act, adopt a schedule of fees and rules and regulations as it relates to the new franchise;

WHEREAS, on or about May 14, 2007, 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 eight (8) months from the June 11, 2007 date provided for in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Commission extended the time frame to review V.I. SeaTrans’ rates and services to an additional eight (8) months from the June 11, 2007 deadline provided for in the Act; and


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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to extend the period for promulgation of permanent rules and regulations for a period not to exceed eight (8) months from the June 11, 2007 date provided for in the Act be **GRANTED**; and finally

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to extend the time frame to review V.I. SeaTrans' rates and services to an additional eight (8) months from the June 11, 2007 deadline provided for in the Act, is **GRANTED**.

Dated: December 11 2007

FOR THE COMMISSION



JOSEPH B. BOSCHULTE

Chair