

**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: 12/2008
Act No. 6918)	
_____)	

ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 16, 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 “VI 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 agreement including passenger schedules, passenger and commuter fees, variances from franchise terms and maintenance of the vessel, and the equipment;

WHEREAS, the Commission after deliberation and review, and upon the recommendation of its staff, appointed Natalie Nelson Tang-How, Esq. as Hearing Examiner to preside over the rate investigation;

WHEREAS, the Commission after deliberation and review, and upon the recommendation of its staff, appointed Richard W. Moore, Ph.D. as Technical Consultant for this rate investigation; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to appoint Natalie Nelson Tang-How, Esq. as hearing examiner in this Docket be **GRANTED**; and finally

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to appoint Richard W. Moore, Ph D. as technical consultant in this Docket be **GRANTED**.

Dated: December 11 2007

FOR THE COMMISSION



JOSEPH B. BOSCHULTE

Chair