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VIA U.S. Mail and Email

RE: Rulemaking for the Establishment of Tolls for the Maine State Ferry Service

Dear Mr. Dorr,

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 8053(2), I am enclosing a Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Rulemaking Relating to Tolls for All Routes Served by the Maine State Ferry Service. The notice includes the text of the proposed rule, which replaces the rule proposed in October 2018. Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

James Billings
Chief Counsel

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Enclosures

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Chapter 602: Rules Relating to Maine State Ferry Service Tolls

Section 1: SUMMARY. This rule establishes tolls for the use of Maine State Ferry Service (MSFS) lines.

Section 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLLS. Tolls for the use of Maine State Ferry Service lines are set forth in Schedule A.

Section 3: DEFINITIONS. As used in Schedule A:

- A) "Adult" means a person 18 years or older.
- B) "Bicycle" means a bicycle as defined in 29-A M.R.S. § 101(9).
- C) "Child" means a person who is less than 6 years old.
- D) "Minor" means a person who is at least 6 years old but who is less than 18 years old.
- E) "Motorcycle" means a motorcycle, a motorized scooter, a moped, or a motorized bicycle or tricycle (all as defined in 29-A M.R.S. § 101).
- F) "Truck" means a motor vehicle with either more than 4 tires or an overall length (including cargo) of more than 20 feet.
- G) "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle with 4 tires or less with an overall length (including cargo) of 20 feet or less, excluding Motorcycles. "Vehicle" includes automobiles, station wagons, vans, mini-vans, pickup trucks, golf carts, fork lifts, riding lawn mowers, small garden tractors, and all-terrain vehicles.

Section 4: COMMUTER TICKETS. Five commuter tickets may be purchased for the price of 4 regular tickets. Commuter tickets are non-transferable, may be used for no more than one round trip per day, and expire if not used within 7 days after the first of the 5 commuter tickets is used.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 23 M.R.S. §§ 52 and 4404; Resolves 2015, Chapter 86, § 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

Schedule A

Islesboro		
	October 1 to May 31	June 1 to September 30
Adult Round Trip	\$8.00	\$13.00
Minor Round Trip (Ages 6-17)	\$4.00	\$9.00
Child (Ages 0-5)	Free	Free
Vehicle Round Trip *	\$22.00	\$29.50
Motorcycle Round Trip *	\$17.50	\$23.75
Truck Per Foot (one way) **	\$4.00	\$4.50
Truck Per Foot Round Trip **	\$4.00	\$4.50
Adult Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$13.00	\$18.00
Minor Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$9.00	\$14.00

Swans Island, Frenchboro, North Haven, Vinalhaven		
	October 1 to May 31	June 1 to September 30
Adult Round Trip	\$12.50	\$17.50
Minor Round Trip (Ages 6-17)	\$6.25	\$11.25
Child (Ages 0-5)	Free	Free
Vehicle Round Trip *	\$31.00	\$38.50
Motorcycle Round Trip *	\$24.25	\$30.50
Truck Per Foot (one way) **	\$4.25	\$4.75
Truck Per Foot Round Trip **	\$4.25	\$4.75
Adult Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$17.50	\$22.50
Minor Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$11.25	\$16.25

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	Year-Round Rates
Adult Round Trip	\$30.00
Minor Round Trip (Ages 6-17)	\$15.00
Child (Ages 0-5)	Free
Vehicle Round Trip *	\$80.00
Motorcycle Round Trip *	\$50.00
Truck Per Foot (one way) **	\$5.75
Truck Per Foot Round Trip **	\$7.00
Adult Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$35.00
Minor Bicycle Round Trip ***	\$20.00

* Includes driver (but not accompanying passengers).

** Does not include driver or accompanying passengers.

*** Includes rider.

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED RULEMAKING RELATING TO TOLLS FOR ALL ROUTES SERVED
BY THE MAINE STATE FERRY SERVICE**

Pursuant to 23 M.R.S. Sections 52 and 4404, the Maine Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing to receive comments about a proposed new Rule relating to establishment of tolls for all routes served by the Maine State Ferry Service.

The proposed rule would implement 23 M.R.S. Sections 52 and 4404.

A public hearing on the proposed Rule will be held at the following time and place:

**August 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center
80 Belmont Avenue, Belfast, Maine 04915.**

The public is invited to attend this hearing to present data, views, arguments, and comments.

For additional information, for a printed version of the proposed rule, for a copy of the statement of impact on small business pursuant to 5 M.R.S. Section 8052(5-A), or to submit written data, views, arguments, and comments, contact:

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Written submissions must be received by September 3, 2019.

The text of the proposed rule is attached to this notice. A copy of the proposed rule may be viewed online at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/rulemaking/>

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Maine Department of Transportation will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate disabled persons wishing to attend the hearing.