

Champion's Auto Ferry's Proposed Rate Increases Suspended

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December 20, 2011 - The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today issued an order resulting in the suspension of Champion's Auto Ferry's proposed rate increases for ferry service between Harsens Island and Algonac until April 1, 2012, or until further order by the MPSC.

The company on Oct. 31 filed a tariff with the MPSC proposing rate increases effective Jan. 1, 2012. On Nov. 10, the MPSC suspended rates for 30 days, ordered the company to file testimony and documentation to support the requested rate increases, and scheduled a hearing for Nov. 28 before an administrative law judge.

At the hearing, the company and the MPSC staff stipulated to postpone the effective date of the rate increase to April 1, 2012.

On Oct. 31, the company filed a tariff with the MPSC proposing to implement rate increases effective Jan. 1, 2012, as follows: the discounted commuter rate would increase by \$1 per round-trip; the single round trip fare for automobiles would increase from \$7 to \$8; the fare for single axle trailers would increase from \$5 to \$6 per round trip, with the rate for each additional axle also increasing by \$1; the rate for multiple axle vehicles would increase from \$15 to \$16, with the rate for each additional axle increasing by \$1; the rate for gas trucks will remain at \$25 per round trip; the rate for motorcycles will increase from \$3 to \$4 per round trip; the school bus rate will increase from \$5 to \$6; and the rate for dual wheel pick-ups would increase from \$7 to \$8 per round trip.

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