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PUBLIC UTILITIES - RHODE ISLAND

In re A&R Marine Corp.

Supreme Court of Rhode Island - January 16, 2019 - A.3d - 2019 WL 209648

Town petitioned for a writ of certiorari for review of an order from Public Utilities Commission (PUC) which denied town's request for discounted rate for ferry service.

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island held that PUC was not legally authorized to act upon town's request.

Public utilities statute does not give the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) the power to impose a discounted rate on a public utility; rather, it grants a public utility the power to propose a discounted rate for a town if the public utility chooses to make such a proposal.