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Our File: FOI-2016-022

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Dear []:

Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) received your request for access to records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the FOIPP Act) on November 13, 2015. Your request seeks:

".. all records, memos, letters, emails or briefing notes prepared for or by BC Ferries Systems [sic] regarding a cost benefit analysis of converting the Spirit Class vessels to LNG or dual fuel capabilities ... The time frame for this request is September 1, 2014 to November 13, 2015."

BC Ferries is a commercial company under contract to the provincial government, and the coastal ferry services for which we have responsibility are monitored and regulated by the independent British Columbia Ferries Commissioner under the *Coastal Ferry Act*.

With respect to your request, while BC Ferries conducts rigorous and comprehensive analyses for all of its major capital projects, including those respecting its vessels, unlike provincial entities, we do not conduct socio-economic (i.e. cost benefit) analyses.

The comprehensive analysis undertaken by BC Ferries for each proposed major capital project forms the basis of a detailed application to the British Columbia Ferries Commissioner under section 55 of the *Coastal Ferry Act*, who, in accordance with the statute, and following thorough review, makes a determination as to whether the capital expenditures proposed for the project are reasonable, prudent, and consistent with the Coastal Ferry Services Contract with the provincial government and BC Ferries' capital plan.

BC Ferries' detailed application under section 55 of the *Coastal Ferry Act* for the Spirit Class Mid-Life Upgrades Project, which addresses the proposed conversion of the propulsion systems to dual-fuel technology, is routinely available on our website at: http://www.bcferries.com/files/PDFs/Spirit_Class_MLU_Application_to_the_BC_Ferries_Commissioner.pdf

You can also use your internet browser to navigate to www.bcferries.com;

- Select the "About BC Ferries" tab at the bottom of the webpage and select "Freedom of Information";
- Select the "View Resources and Publications" button on the right hand side of the webpage;
- Select "Spirit Class Vessels Mid-Life Upgrades Application to the British Columbia Ferries Commissioner".

Order 14-03 of the British Columbia Ferry Commission, setting out the decision on BC Ferries' application for the Spirit Class Mid-Life Upgrade Project, is also routinely available and may be found in the "Rulings Index" under the "Decisions & Reports" tab at <http://www.bcferrycommission.com/>.

We trust that this responds to your request but if you have any questions, please write or call our office at (250) 978-1502.

You can apply to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a review of this response. You have 30 working days from receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Facsimile: (250) 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner with a copy of this letter, a copy of your original request, and the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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FOIPP Office