



December 10, 2013

Mr. Rob Clarke
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
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Dear Mr. Clarke:

Re: Intermediate Class Vessel Project

Further to your letter of November 27, 2013, the Ferry Commission has no objection to BC Ferries proceeding to RFP at this time.

We have received independent advice from a Marine Architect confirming that:

- a) a reasonable fuel efficiency target has been included in the technical specifications, and;
- b) there is adequate language in the RFP to set out design specifications which must be met, to address ferry user concerns about open deck configuration.

Our approval to proceed to RFP is based on three conditions:

1. BC Ferries must, before signing a contract, confirm that the successful proponent will meet or exceed the fuel efficiency target set out on the RFP.
2. BC Ferries must, before signing a contract, demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction that the final design will ensure that the decks will be free from sea spray 95% of the time in normal operating conditions up to Beaufort Sea State 5.
3. That BC Ferries remains committed to providing notification to vehicle operators on days when there is a reasonable likelihood of sea spray on a vehicle deck.

Yours truly,

Gord Macatee
Ferry Commissioner

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