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Casco Bay Lines and Casco Bay Island Transit District have entered an agreement whereby the Transit District would overtake the operations of the Casco Bay Lines ferry service in Casco Bay. Pursuant to the requirements of 35 M.R.S.A. §§171, 211 and 212, Casco Bay Lines and the Transit District have filed with the Public Utilities Commission a joint application for approval of the following: (1) the sale to the District of certain Casco Bay Lines assets, in particular 3 of the 5 vessels now owned by Casco Bay Lines; (2) the Transit District's issuance of securities for the purchase of the assets and the mortgaging thereof; and (3) abandonment of service by Casco Bay Lines.

THIS TRANSACTION MAY RESULT IN CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO THE PUBLIC, SUCH AS A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE FERRY SERVICE, AS WELL AS CERTAIN DISADVANTAGES, SUCH AS FEWER BOATS AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE AND POSSIBLY HIGHER RATES. For this reason, the Commission has decided to hold a public hearing on the joint application as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, February 18, 1982  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Public Safety Building  
109 Middle Street  
Portland, Maine

THE COMMISSION ENCOURAGES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER. You may present your views to the Commission only by appearing as a public witness. To participate more fully in this proceeding you must become an intervenor. To ask permission to intervene you must file no later than February 17, 1982 a written request with the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, State House Station #18, Augusta, Maine 04333. Include your name, address, and the Docket Number of this case, 82-16, in your letter.

The Commission's decision in this matter will be governed by the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of 35 M.R.S.A. Chapter 11 of the Commission's Rules will govern procedure. For further information write to the Secretary at the above address or call 289-3831.