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### Newburgh-Beacon Ferry Resumes Thursday, March 27

#### *Hudson River Thaws!*

MTA Metro-North Railroad's Newburgh-Beacon Ferry resumes operation on Thursday, March 27, after a three-month hiatus due to the brutally cold winter that froze the Hudson River to an extent not seen in years.

The only day the commuter ferry operated in 2014 was on January 2. A major blizzard struck on Friday, January 3, and both the Newburgh-Beacon and the Haverstraw-Ossining ferries were suspended. Substitute bus service started the following Tuesday, when local roads finally were cleared.

Service on the Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry resumed March 12. But due to extreme icing conditions on the Hudson River, ice floes from the Albany area continued to prevent service on the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry.

Three winters ago, in 2011, the Newburgh-Beacon ferry suffered a similarly long suspension, but that was due to ice damage to the dock rather than ice itself. In 2001, ferry service was suspended between January 17 and it resumed on March 28.

Metro-North began the Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry, operated by NY Waterway, in 2000 and the Newburgh-Beacon service began in 2005. The ferries give Orange and Rockland county residents better access to Hudson Line train service.