

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

February 21, 2022

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, February 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Brown-Bland
Commissioner Gray
Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick

COMMISSION STAFF: Ms. McMillen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Green, Ms. Fennell,
Ms. Harrod, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Mr. Ayers, Ms. Downey, Ms. Holt, Mr. Creech, Mr. Maness,
Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rajeev

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Vines

A. TRANSPORTATION**P1. DOCKET NO. A-41, SUB 20 - APPLICATION OF BALD HEAD ISLAND TRANSPORTATION, INC., FOR AMENDMENT TO TARIFF LANGUAGE REGARDING BAGGAGE**

EXPLANATION: On December 22, 2021, Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. (BHIT) filed an application requesting approval of changes in its tariff regarding Item No. 40-D Class IX – Baggage to revise oversized baggage specifications, to reduce the standard allowance of checked baggage from six (6) to three (3) items per passenger, and to increase the excess baggage fee from \$5 to \$23.

BHIT states that the changes are intended to reduce ambiguity for ferry personnel, relieve excessive strain on service equipment, provide clearer guidance to passengers, and improve on-time performance and service quality. BHIT indicates that it has consulted with representatives of major stakeholders that use BHIT's system regarding the proposed changes. BHIT has filed letters supporting its proposal from ten (10) such stakeholder organizations and businesses.

The Public Staff has not received any feedback opposing the proposed changes, and has received supporting feedback from one individual resident, representing an informal group of Bald Head Island property owners.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue the Public Staff's proposed order approving BHIT's proposed revisions to its tariff.

Gray Styers, an attorney with Fox Rothschild LLP, appeared on behalf of the Applicant. Chad Paul, CEO of Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, and Shirley Mayfield, Chief Financial Officer of Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, responded to questions from the Commission on behalf of the Applicant.

This item was taken to Executive Conference for further discussion and consideration.

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of February 7, 2022, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.