

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. A-100, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Study of Rates and Charges of Passenger Ferry Public Utilities))	PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
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NOW COMES the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully moves the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to extend certain deadlines in Docket No. A-100, Sub 1. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On October 4, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Requiring Filing of Rates and Allowing Comments (the Initiating Order).

2. The Initiating Order provides, among other things, that each of the eight currently authorized passenger ferries are made parties to this docket without the need to file petitions to intervene; each of the eight currently authorized passenger ferries shall file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission in this docket on or before Wednesday, October 25, 2023; any person having an interest in this docket may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2023; parties may file initial comments as provided herein on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2023; and

parties may file reply comments on or before Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (Initiating Order, pages 3-4).

3. On October 25, 2023, Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. (BHIT) filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

4. As of November 2, 2023, none of the other currently authorized passenger ferries have filed their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

5. The Public Staff respectfully requests and moves that (a) the other currently authorized passenger ferries be made to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission on or before January 16, 2024; and (b) the deadline for the Public Staff and other parties to file initial comments be moved to February 15, 2024.

6. Several independent reasons impact the Public Staff's request for an extension of time, any one of which could support moving the Initiating Order's deadlines:

- a. The Public Staff requests time to review the current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables once filed by the authorized passenger ferries to ensure that the Public Staff's and other intervenor comments may reflect accurate information.

- b. The additional time should allow the Public Staff and intervenors time to finalize their comments assuming current tariffs are filed by the authorized passenger ferries on or before January 16, 2024.
- c. Related to same, the time of the Public Staff has been consumed by the recent press of work.

7. BHIT does not oppose the Public Staff's request for an extension of time until such time as the other passenger ferries file their current tariffs and timetables with the Commission, but not later than January 16, 2024.

8. The request for an extension should not prejudice or harm any other intervenors – in fact, it will both (a) give passenger ferries additional time to file current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables; and (b) provide all intervenors with a chance to study and review the filings prior to preparing and filing initial comments.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully moves and requests (a) that the deadline for the authorized passenger ferries to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables be moved to January 16, 2024; (b) that the deadline for the Public Staff and intervenors to file initial comments be moved to February 15, 2024; and (c) for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of November, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States Mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 3rd day November, 2023.

Electronically submitted
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