

**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	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Ferry Public Utilities	)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

BY THE CHAIR: On October 4, 2023, the Commission issued in the above-captioned docket an Order Requiring Filing of Rates and Allowing Comments regarding rates charged by passenger ferries regulated by the Commission. In the order, the Commission made each of the eight currently authorized passenger ferries parties to the docket and required each to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission in this docket on or before Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The Commission further ordered that the passenger ferries, the Public Staff, and any other interested parties may file comments and reply comments on the Commission's ratemaking treatment of passenger ferry rates and charges, including whether the Commission's current ratemaking treatment of passenger ferry rates and charges complies with state law; whether lesser regulation of rates and charges is appropriate for passenger ferries, particularly those offering competitive leisure service; factors to be considered in determining whether proposed rates and charges are just and reasonable; and whether changes should be made to the Commission's rules or procedures.

On November 3, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion for extension of time until February 15, 2024, within which to file initial comments pursuant to the Commission's October 4, 2023 order. The Public Staff notes that as of November 2, 2023, only one passenger ferry — Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. (BHIT) — has complied with the order and filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.<sup>1</sup> The Public Staff requests that the Commission extend to January 16, 2024, the deadline for other passenger ferries to comply. In support of its request, the Public Staff states that the extension would allow the remaining passenger ferries to comply with the order and the Public Staff and other intervenors to review the filed tariffs. Lastly, the Public Staff states that BHIT does not oppose the requested extension.

After careful consideration, the Chair finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion, to extend the deadline for passenger ferries to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables as required by the Commission's October 4, 2023 order, and to establish new dates for parties to file initial and reply comments on the Commission's ratemaking treatment of passenger ferry rates and charges. The Commission will serve

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<sup>1</sup> On November 6, 2023, the Commission received by letter dated October 16, 2023, the current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables of Barrier Island, Inc. dba Island Ferry Adventures.

this Order, as it did the prior order, on each of the currently authorized passenger ferries. The Chair requests, however, that the Public Staff contact each of the remaining passenger ferries to inform them of the Commission's orders in this docket, their filing obligation, and the opportunity to file comments.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That each of the eight currently authorized passenger ferries that have not already done so shall file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission in this docket on or before Tuesday, January 16, 2024;

2. That parties may file initial comments on the Commission's ratemaking treatment of passenger ferry rates and charges on or before Thursday, February 15, 2024; and

3. That parties may file reply comments on or before Thursday, February 29, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "A." and last name "Dunston" clearly legible.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk