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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
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NC Utilities Commission
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Re: In the Matter of
Application of Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. for Approval of
Revisions to Regular Passenger Ferry Schedules to 45-Minute Departures
NCUC Docket A-41 Sub 23
Modified information regarding implementation date and potential hearing

Dear Ms. Dunston:

In paragraph 26 of its Application for Revisions to Ferry Schedules in the above-referenced docket, the applicant Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. (BHIT) requested “that these changes be effective May 1, and that they be approved as soon as possible so that it can publicize this new schedule and incorporate it into the reservation system as far in advance of May 1 as possible.” As a practical matter, BHIT (1) would like to be able to provide at least 30-days advance notice to its customers of the changes to its schedule, and (2) believes that changing its schedule in the middle of the busy summer season would create confusion for its customers and complications for its reservations system and operations. Therefore, its current target date for implementation is no longer May 1 but rather is now October 1, 2024.

Bion Stewart is traveling out of the country through mid-April, and therefore BHIT has requested extensions of time until April 26 to respond to data requests from the intervenors and will try to provide responses sooner than that after his return, if possible. BHIT recognizes that the parties need to have reasonable time to undertake discovery prior to any public hearing date.

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As stated in its Response to Petitions to Intervene filed on March 8, 2024, (p. 7), BHIT has no objection to a public hearing in this docket. Given the new implementation target date and ongoing discovery, BHIT does not request that a hearing be scheduled prior to May 28. Because of the demands of the summer busy season (and Labor Day) on employees and management, BHIT respectfully requests that any hearing not be scheduled between June 17 and August 9 or between August 28 and September 6.

This information has been previously shared with counsel for all parties in this docket.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this information. If you should have any questions pertaining to this filing or anything stated herein, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ M. Gray Styers, Jr.

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Enclosure

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