

**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)	PUBLIC STAFF'S SECOND
Passenger Ferry Public Utilities)	MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION
		OF TIME

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 (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. (Bald Head Island Transportation) filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

4. On November 3, 2023, the Village of Bald Head Island (Village) moved to intervene in this docket, which the Commission granted on November 8, 2023.

5. On November 3, 2023, the Public Staff filed its Motion for an Extension of Time seeking an extension to allow the regulated passenger ferries additional time to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission in this docket, and to extend the other deadlines in the Initiating Order.

6. On November 6, 2023, Barrier Island, Inc., dba Island Ferry Adventures filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

7. On November 8, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time ordering the currently authorized passenger ferries that have not already done so, to file their current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission on or before Tuesday, January 16, 2024; setting the date for initial comments on the Commission's ratemaking treatment of

passenger ferry rates and charges on or before Thursday, February 15, 2024; and allowing parties to file reply comments on or before Thursday, February 29, 2024.

8. As of January 16, 2024, no additional authorized passenger ferries filed current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission. Thereafter, in addition to prior attempted email communication, the Public Staff's Transportation Division called each of the operators for each of the ferries that had not yet filed, encouraging them to file current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables as soon as possible.

9. On January 31, 2024, Crystal Blue Holding Co., LLC, dba Morehead City Ferry Service filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

10. On January 31, 2024, Island Express Ferry Service, LLC, filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

11. On February 1, 2024, Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service dba Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

12. On February 5, 2024, Portsmouth Island Boat Tours filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

13. On February 7, 2004, Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps & Ferry Service, Inc., filed its current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.

14. As of today, February 12, 2024, Davis Shore Ferry Service, LLC (Davis Shore), has yet to file current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission. The Public Staff understands from its communication with Davis Shore that the ferry operator intends to make a filing in the very near future.

15. The Public Staff respectfully requests and moves that the deadline for the Public Staff and other parties to file initial comments be moved to March 1, 2024.

16. 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's work in this docket has been consumed with outreach to encourage the currently authorized passenger ferries to file current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables with the Commission.
- b. The Public Staff requests time to review the late-filed current tariffs of rates and charges and timetables filed by the authorized passenger ferries to ensure that the Public Staff's and other intervenor comments may reflect accurate information.

- c. The additional time should allow all parties time to finalize their initial comments.

17. The Public Staff has inquired with counsel for represented parties Bald Head Island Transportation and the Village, and neither party opposes the Public Staff's request for an extension of time.

18. The request for an extension should not prejudice or harm any other parties. It will provide all parties with a chance to study and review the recent filings prior to preparing and filing initial comments.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully moves and requests (a) that the deadline for the parties to file initial comments be moved to March 1, 2024; (b) that the deadline for the parties to file reply comments be moved to March 15, 2024; and (c) for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 2024.

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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 12th day of February, 2024.

Electronically submitted
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