

Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BLUE CARD RATES October 11, 2011 MEETING MINUTES 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners Ad Hoc Committee on Blue Card Rates met on October 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Pilot Commissioners office, 660 Davis Street, San Francisco, California. Commissioner Michael Knute Miller presided over the meeting for Chairman Frank Johnston with Committee members Commissioner Dave Wainwright, Commissioner John Cronin, San Francisco Bar Pilot's (SFBP) Business Director John Cinderey and Pacific Merchant Shipping Association Vice-President Mike Jacob present. Members of the staff present were Executive Director Allen Garfinkle, Board Counsel Dennis Eagan, Staff Services Analyst Brian Vu and Office Technician Kelly Dolcini. Members of the public present at the Committee table included SFBP pilot Capt. Rick Hurt and SFBP Counsel Ray Paetzold.

Open Meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Wainwright, Commissioner Cronin, John Cinderey and Mike Jacob were present, constituting a quorum.

2. Request approval of minutes of September 12, 2011.

Commissioner Miller requested approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Committee meeting. Commissioner Cronin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. John Cinderey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. Review existing Blue Card service charges and develop plain definitions for each. Develop recommendation to Board to implement definitions developed.

The Committee reviewed the existing Blue Card service charges and definitions and reviewed language agreed upon at the September 12, 2011 meeting.

San Francisco Bar Pilots counsel Ray Paetzold presented a revised draft, adding further recommendations for workable language that might be helpful to the Committee. Upon discussion, the Committee was able to glean further suggestions that would be worked into a revised draft.

There is no recommendation to the Board at this time.

4. Review SFBP's application of Blue Card rates to standard and non-standard situations, including other negotiated rates not covered by existing Blue Card structure.

The Committee has not yet discussed this section and it will be postponed for a later discussion.

5. Review of other jurisdictions statues on rates not specifically addressed by schedules and possible recommendation for the addition of such language in our authorizing statues.

The Committee has not yet discussed this section and it will be postponed for a later discussion.

6. Discuss and develop definition for the term "S.F. Area" as used in the SFBP "Service Code and Charge Listing".

After extensive discussion of the use of this term in both point to point transits and transits within an area, the Committee agreed that a good working definition of "S.F. Area" is: "S.F. Area refers to the Central S.F. Bay, south to Hunter's Point and north to Pt. San Pablo."

7. Review of other matters relating to charges for piloting services.

The Committee has not yet discussed this section and it will be postponed for a later discussion.

8. Review proposal to audit last three years of SFBP invoices. Possible recommendation to Board to authorize staff initiation of audit contract. (Item deferred until further notice).

The Committee has not yet discussed this section and it will be postponed for a later discussion.

9. Public Comments on Matters not on the agenda.

There was none.

10. Planning agenda items for next committee meeting.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at 9:30.

11. Adjournment.

This Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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