

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 September 12, 2011 MEETING MINUTES 10:30 a.m.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners Ad Hoc Committee on Blue Card Rates met on September 12, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Board of Pilot Commissioners office, 660 Davis Street, San Francisco, California. Commissioner Frank Johnston presided over the meeting with Committee members Commissioner Dave Wainwright, Commissioner John Cronin, San Francisco Bar Pilots (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 and invited to sit at the Committee table included SFBP Capt. Rick Hurt, Commissioner Capt. Steve Roberts and SFBP Counsel Ray Paetzold.

Open Meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Wainwright, Commissioner Cronin, John Cinderey and Mike Jacob were present, constituting a quorum.

2. Request approval of minutes of August 18, 2011.

Chairman Johnston requested approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting. Mike Jacob made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cronin 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 services charges and definitions and reviewed language agreed upon at the August 18, 2011 meeting. At that meeting, John Cinderey presented a concise history of the Blue Card rates. San Francisco Bar Pilots counsel Ray Paetzold expanded on this history and added some recommendations for workable language that might be helpful to the Committee.

Much of the discussion focused on using geographical names on locations rather than propriety names to designate a location, since there is a danger of the business using that location changing ownership and thus the name.

Also discussed was adding Roman Numerals to each Section to aid in referring to that section, the use of the word "shifting" as opposed to "shift", and the meaning of "dead ship" versus "flat tow".

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 agenda item, and has postponed this for a later meeting.

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 agenda item, and has postponed this for a later meeting.

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

The Committee discussed this term and suggested it be dealt with by adding definitions to the final product of this Committee.

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

The Committee has not yet discussed this agenda item, and has postponed this for a later meeting.

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 agenda item, and has postponed this for a later meeting.

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 11, 2011 at 9:30.

11. Adjournment.

This Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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