

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pilotage Rate Review Committee

I. General Information

Meeting Type: Site Visit – Port of Palm Beach, and Pilotage Rate Hearing
Meeting Date: Thursday, May 2, 2013, and Friday, May 3, 2013
Meeting Location: Four Seasons Resort
2800 South Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Attendees:

Commissioner Jorge Viso, Chair
Commissioner Matthew Sams, Vice Chair
Commissioner John Fernandez
Commissioner John Fox
Commissioner Thayer Smith
Commissioner Bob Swindell
Commissioner Carlos Trueba

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)

Elise Rice, Government Analyst, DBPR

Clark Jennings, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Dustin Metz, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR

Richard Law, Certified Public Accountant and Committee Consultant

Galen Dunton, Committee Consultant

Alexandra Ramirez, Court Reporter

Other Interested Parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The Palm Beach Pilots Association provided a tour of the port for committee members and other interested parties on Thursday, May 2, 2013.
- At the rate hearing on Friday, May 3, 2013, the committee's consultant, Mr. Richard Law, detailed the information contained in his investigative report and amendment. The Palm Beach Pilots Association provided a thorough PowerPoint presentation of their operations and other information. Mr. Jamie Mahoney, Vice President of Tropical Shipping, provided a letter of opposition to the rate increase and read the letter to the committee.
- After the presentations were completed, the committee deliberated and voted to approve 50 percent of the requested increase on August 1, 2013, and the remaining 50 percent increase on August 1, 2014. The committee approved all ancillary charges as requested, effective August 1, 2013.
- Mr. Clark Jennings, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, will prepare a final order in this matter and a conference call will be scheduled to discuss the final order.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- There was no legislation or rule promulgation.

IV. Action Required

- Mr. Jennings will prepare a proposed final order in the rate increase matter, and a telephone conference call will be scheduled to review and discuss the final order.

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
May 7, 2013