

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

*Public Services Commission*

**IN RE:**

<b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF</b>	)	Docket No. 640
<b>ST. JOHN, INC. AND VARLACK</b>	)	Order No. <u>1</u> /2016
<b>VENTURES, INC. RATE INVESTIGATION</b>	)	
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**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2012, Transportation Services of St. John, Inc. and Varlack Ventures, Inc. (hereinafter "Ferry Franchisees or Ferry Companies") submitted a report regarding the request and justification for an increase in fares to the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "PSC" or the "Commission"), establishing Docket 601; and

**WHEREAS**, at the July 19, 2012, meeting the Commission appointed Attorney Dolace N. McLean as Hearing Examiner to preside over the hearings for the Ferry Franchisees' Petition for an increase in rates in Docket 601 ; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2012, the Ferry Franchisees and the PSC staff submitted a Stipulation of Facts regarding the matters involved in the rate investigation proceedings and the related joint recommendation to the Hearing Examiner; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2013, the Commission received the Final Report and Recommendations from the Hearing Examiner; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2013, the Commission held a special meeting in the Commission's offices on both St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, in Order 51/2013 the Commission accepted the Hearing Examiner's report and recommendations with amendments and ordered that the Commission conduct a six (6) month review of the Ferry Companies' existing rates; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2014, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands and voted to **STAY** the selection and the appointment of a Technical Consultant and Hearing Examiner and further **STAY** a review of Docket 640 until a report is presented by the Ferry Companies, within thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2015, the Ferry Companies submitted a report to the Commission on the impact of new fares on revenue and performance of the Ferry Boat companies and other new developments in accord with PSC Order 19/2015; and

**WHEREAS**, on Technical Consultant Avery Williams submitted a response to the February submission of the Ferry Companies; and

**WHEREAS**, the receipt and deployment of the new ferries Cruz Bay I and Red Hook I is a substantial change in circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2015, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on both St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to appoint Attorney Jennifer Jones as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings in Docket 640, the Ferry Companies Rate Investigation; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission hereby:

1. Finds that it is satisfied with the credentials of Jennifer Jones, Esq.; and
2. Appoints Attorney Jennifer Jones as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings in Docket 640, the Ferry Companies Rate Investigation and all issues arising therefrom.

*So Ordered.*

For the Commission



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Johann Clendenin, Chair

Date: February 3, 2016

