

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Services Commission

IN RE:

Varlack Ventures, Inc and)
Transportation Services of St. John, Inc.)
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ORDER NO. 54/2008

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WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008 the Public Services Commission (hereinafter "PSC" or "the Commission") received an Emergency Motion for Rehearing from Varlack Ventures, Inc. and Transportation Services of St. John, Inc., (hereinafter "Varlack Ventures" and "Transportation Services" respectively and collectively "The Ferry Franchisees") requesting the implementation of a two dollar (\$2.00) Fuel Surcharge; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2008, the Commission met in special session on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in the PSC offices located in Barbel Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the cost of fuel has risen substantially and some interim relief to the Ferry Franchisees is appropriate to offset the cost of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Ferry Franchisees are currently engaged in a rate investigation conducted by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission after deliberation and review voted unanimously to implement a one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) fuel surcharge to all categories of tickets for the Franchisees effective July 6, 2008 to the completion of the franchisees' rate investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission after deliberation and review voted unanimously to implement a fifty cent (\$0.50) baggage fee increase on ferries travelling between downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, and Cruz Bay, St. John effective July 6, 2008 to the completion of the ferry franchisees' rate investigation; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that a one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) fuel surcharge be implemented to all categories of ticket prices for Ferry Franchisees effective July 6, 2008 to the completion of the Ferry Franchisees' rate investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a fifty cent (\$0.50) baggage fee be implemented for all travel between downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas and Cruz Bay, St. John effective July 6, 2008 to the completion of the Franchisees' rate investigation.

SO ORDERED.

Dated 07-30, 2008

FOR THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Boschulte', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph B. Boschulte
Chair