

Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports

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Subject: Houston Pilots Rate Application of September 2013

On January 31, 2014, the Board of Pilot Commissioners of Harris County, Texas provisionally granted the Houston Pilots' Rate Application, to take effect from January 1, 2014.

- The Pilot Board also directed the Pilots and the maritime industry to continue to work to reach agreement on pilotage rates for 2014 and subsequent years.
- Finally, the Pilot Board requested that the Pilots and industry inform the board if they did not reach agreement by March 3, 2014, and the Pilot Board reserved the right to take further action as needed in this matter to best serve the Port of Houston.

We understand that the Pilots and maritime industry representatives continue to make progress in their talks, though they did not reach an agreement by March 3. In order to allow these productive conversations to continue, we anticipate that the Pilot Board will refrain from further addressing this matter until its regularly scheduled meeting of March 25.

We hope to hear before then that industry stakeholders and the Pilots have reached an agreement to resolve all issues, allowing the Pilot Board to act on agreed pilot rates in everyone's best interest.