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THE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

October 23, 2012

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	Chairman Edmonds convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
(PB-2012-1023-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – September 25, 2012
(PB-2012-1023-02)	Chairman Edmonds introduced Robert Thompson, Houston Pilots Presiding Officer, who presented a report to the Pilot Commission
	Adjourn the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Public Meeting**

**Houston, Texas
October 23, 2012**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on October 23, 2012 at 10:13 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Commissioners, staff, and counsel were present:

James T. Edmonds, Chairman
Jimmy A. Burke, Commissioner
Jim Fonteno, Jr., Commissioner
Elyse B. Lanier, Commissioner
Steve L. Phelps, Commissioner
Leonard Waterworth, Secretary
Erik Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

(PB-2012-1023-01) Chairman Edmonds asked if the Pilot Board had changes to the minutes of its September 25, 2012 meeting. Hearing no changes, the Chairman declared the minutes approved as written.

(PB-2012-1023-02) Appearances

(A) Chairman Edmonds introduced Captain Robert Thompson, Presiding Officer of the Houston Pilots. Captain Thompson provided an update on the Houston Pilots' activities, including traffic volume, the number of apprentices, and transits. Captain Thompson reported that the pilots would be hosting the 2014 American Pilots Association convention in Houston.

Captain Thompson presented an overview regarding the Houston Pilots preparations to handle the larger vessels which are expected to be coming to the Port of Houston. The pilots are seeking to ensure maneuverability and safety of the larger vessels in the Bayport Ship Channel. He reported that the pilots have undertaken a ship maneuverability study that began with six pilots traveling to a simulation and modeling training. The pilots are now working on a model channel and ship, and are using these simulations to develop parameters for vessel responsiveness. He stated that the model assists pilots in trying different approaches to moving within deeper waters with larger vessels.

Captain Thompson then recognized Captains Mike Morris and Robert Decker of the Houston Pilots. Captains Morris and Decker reported their efforts on April 12, 2012 to save three fishermen who were stranded in the Houston Ship Channel. A brief video report was presented. Captain Thompson praised their awareness and expressed pride in their membership in the Houston Pilots.

Copies of the presentation materials have been placed in the files of the Pilot Board.

Chairman Edmonds asked if there were any comments. Captain Morris stated he was proud to be a partner with the Port of Houston Authority. Commissioners thanked the pilots for a great job.

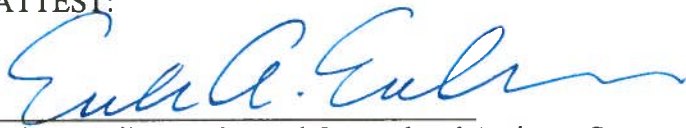
At 10:28 a.m. Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting of the Pilot Board.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting of the Pilot Board.



James T. Edmonds, Chairman

ATTEST:



Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary