

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Put-in-Bay)
Boat Line Company for a Waiver of the) Case No. 08-569-WT-RSP
Provisions of Section 4907.27, Revised Code.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) By its initial Finding and Order issued in this case on May 5, 2008, the Commission granted the request of Put-in-Bay Boat Line Company (Put-in-Bay) for a waiver of the provisions of Section 4907.27, Revised Code, which require a 30-day notice for a water transportation company to change its published rates. The Commission cited the rapidly increasing cost of fuel as the basis of its action. As part of its request, the company demonstrated that its fuel costs had increased approximately 66% this operating season, from \$2.41 per gallon in 2007 to \$3.65 per gallon as of May 1, 2008. By its Finding and Order issued on May 28, 2006, the Commission granted the request of Put-in-Bay to increase the surcharge to 9.0% as a result of the cost of fuel increasing to \$3.83 per gallon as of May 16.
- (2) On May 28, 2008, Put-in-Bay filed a subsequent request in this docket to increase the fuel surcharge from the 7.8% originally granted by the Commission to 11.1%. In support of its request, the company stated that the cost of fuel increased from \$3.65 per gallon on May 1 to \$4.17 per gallon on May 25, 2008.
- (3) The Commission hereby grants the waiver of the provisions of Section 4907.27, Revised Code, relative to the 30-day notice for tariff filings requested by Put-in-Bay. Unless otherwise ordered, this waiver shall terminate six months following the date of this Finding and Order.
- (4) Staff should continue to monitor fuel costs for this industry throughout the 2008 operating season (April-October) and report back to the Commission. If the cost of fuel continues to rise as reported by Staff, the Commission anticipates granting additional waivers for the industry relative to increasing published rates. If fuel costs return to 2007 levels as reported by Staff, the Commission expects to terminate the surcharge granted herein.

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- (5) The Commission notes that this Finding and Order should not be construed as requiring any water transportation company to increase its rates or charges or as approving the rate increase of any company. This Finding and Order is simply a waiver of the provisions of Section 4907.27, Revised Code, related to tariff provisions taking effect 30 days after filing with the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a waiver of Section 4907.27, Revised Code, be granted by the Commission in accordance with Finding 2 above. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the revised tariff contain the following information: Issued on 1-day's notice pursuant to Commission Order in Case No. 08-569-WT-RSP of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio." It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon the Put-in-Bay Boat Line Company.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



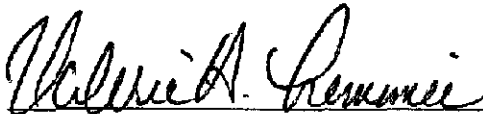
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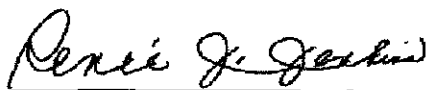


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