

August 1, 2022

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Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina. 27699-4300

Re: **Docket A-41, Sub 21**
Village of Bald Head Island v. Bald Head Island Transportation, and Bald Head Island Limited, LLC

and;

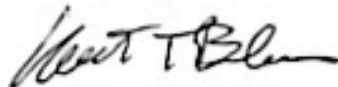
Docket A-41, Sub 22
In the Matter of Joint Application of Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc., and Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation, LLC, for Approval of Transfer of Common Carrier Certificate to Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation, LLC, and Permission to Pledge Assets

Dear Ms. Dunston:

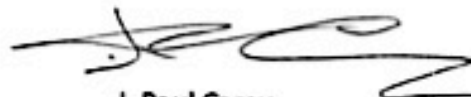
Transmitted on behalf of over 400 Bald Head Island property owners is a letter to Charlotte Mitchell, Chair, North Carolina Utilities Commission in the above referenced dockets.

The letter is being filed as a *Consumer Statement of Position* in both proceedings. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully yours,



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Charlotte Mitchell
Chair, North Carolina Utilities Commission
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Dear Chairwoman Mitchell:

We are writing as Bald Head Island property owners concerned about the cost, reliability, and safety of ferry transportation services to and from the island. We support the petition that the Village of Bald Head Island recently filed with the Commission asking that the parking and barge operations located at the Deep Point ferry terminal in Southport NC be regulated along with the BHI passenger ferry.

The Deep Point parking facility, barge and passenger ferry are essential components of a single transportation system that serves only one market: BHI. Few would bother to park at Deep Point if the passenger ferry did not run, just as few would bother to park and get on the passenger ferry if the barge did not transport goods needed to sustain the BHI community. The system also is a commercially-owned monopoly which BHI property owners, visitors, workers and service providers have no choice but to use; it should be regulated as such.

Recently, the transportation system’s current owner, Bald Head Island Limited, announced that it intends to sell the system to SharpVue Capital, a small private equity investor. We urge the Commission to act on the Village’s petition before any sale of Limited’s transportation assets are finalized. A change in ownership will not diminish the need to regulate the system as a whole. Failing that, we are concerned that the current system will be broken up with the less profitable regulated passenger ferry and the exceedingly profitable unregulated parking and barge components sold off to different owners.

We do not believe that breaking up BHI’s transportation system is in the Island’s best interest, particularly if the regulated passenger ferry were left to operate on its own, and different owners of the currently unregulated parking and barge monopolies were free to set rates at whatever level they believe the market will bear. A far better, and more efficient outcome would be for the Commission to regulate the entire system and allow a single commercial operator to earn a fair rate-of-return on its investment; no more, no less.

Respectfully yours,

AC Linstead	117 N. Bald Head Wynd
Al Buzzard	31 Ibis Roost
Alan J Reyner	11 Dogwood Ridge
Alana Argersinger	129 N. Bald Head Wynd

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Alexander Hattaway	34 Horsemint Trail
Alison Ravin	341 South Bald Head Wynd
Amy Brown	207 Portsmouth Way
Amy Lothrop	801 South Bald Head Wynd
Amy T Glasgow	21 Keelson Row
Andrea Provencher	9 Snowy Egret Trail
Andy Sayre	131 W Bald Head Wynd
Anette Morrion	22 Keepers Landing
Angela Georgallis	37 Cape Creek Road
Anna Ball	7 Red Bay Court
Anna Hattaway	34 Horsemint Trail
Anne Beery	120 Edward Teach Wynd
Anne Gardner	429 S Bald Head Wynd
Anne Rex	Did not provide
Annemarie Sherlock	305 S Bald Head Wynd
Annie Norman	2 Fortrt Holmes Trail
Anthony Gargano	18 Laughing GullTrail
Antoinette Powell	18 Poormans Pepper Trail
Antonio E Ferrer	665 Chicamacomico
Arlin Bostian	5 Earl of Craven Court
Barbara Ackerman Johnson	21 Keepers Landing
Barbara McQuaide	24 Black Skimmer Trail
Barbara Richardson	48 Transom Row
Beth Fordham-Meier	3 Sandwich Tern
Betsy Byrne	5 Ibis Roost
Beverly P Suhr	405 South Bald Head Wynd
Bill Argersinger	129 North Bald head Wynd
Bill Michels	541 Chicamacomico Way
Blair Kaine	617 Ocracoke Way
Bo H Holmgreen	5 Eilean Way
Bob Morrison	Ibis Roost 13
Bob Nixon	4 Seaton Court
Brad Wenner	30 Horsemint Trail
Bradley Kohn	2 Coquina Trail
Brandy Munroe	7 Bufflehead Court
Brent Belch	20 Mourning Warbler Trail
Brian Orman	Did not provide
Brooke Pollard	656 Wash Woods way
Bruce Mortimer	974 South Bald Head Wynd
C. Stephen Ford	Timbercreek 6B

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Candy Shivers	7 Royal Tern Court
Carl Aschman	3 Keepers Landing
Carl Ravin	341 South Bald Head Wynd
carmen harris	305 S Bald Head Wynd - Villa 27
Carol Caufield	11 Mourning Warbler Trail
Carol Hipps	8killegray ridge
Carol McBride	220 Row Boat Row
Catherine Sigal	214 Portsmouth Way
Charles Byrne	5 Ibis Roost
Charles K Scott	15 Timber Creek
Charles McBride	220 Row Boat Row
Charles Mitchell	318 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Charles P Stuckey	6 Ibis Roost
Charles Richard Gaukel	215 North Bald Head Wynd
Charles Rowe	1 Cape Creek Rd.
Chip Beery	120 Edward Teach Wynd
Chris Meyer	102 Edward Teach Wynd
Christine Osborne	7 Laurel Cherry Court
Cindy Gaunt	976 S Bald Head Wynd
Claire Tuttle	208 Station House Way
Colleen C Salter	819 B South Bald Head Wynd
Courtney Kaprelian	16 Sumners Crescent
Craig Wulff	136 Edward Teach Wynd
Cyndi Chaney	Did not provide
Cynthia B. Irby	46 Hammocks
Cynthia Kleeberger	819B Killegray Ridge
Cynthia L Hill	8 Spike Rush Ct
Dan Magid	222 Station House Way
Dan Nelson	226 North Bald Head Wynd
Danny Brewer	46 The Hammocks
Dave Hunter	54 Dowitcher Trail
David Fisher	4 Sumners Crescent
David Guilkey	2 Silversides
David Hayes	5 Sumners Crescent BHI
David Tuxhorn	102 West Bald Head Wynd
Dawn Bekker	305 S. Bald Head Wynd
Dawn Exner	52 Earl of Craven Court
Deb Geraghty	206 SE Beach Drive
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Deb Rausch	16 Sea Gull Trail
Debbie Ward	2 Dogwood Trail
Debbie Wildgoose	16 Ibis Roost
Deborah A Brooks	850 Bainbridge Drive
Deborah Gouldin	Did not provide
Dennis Carwile	2033 Palmetto Cove Ct
Deon Roach	2027 Palmetto Cove Ct.
Doreen Fairbank	5 Towhee Ct
Doug Jellison	27 Sandspur Trail
Doug Rees	25 Sandspur Trail
Doug Woodard	229 West Bald Head Wynd
Douglas Eberle	123 N Bald Head Wynd
Douglas K. Anderson	Did not provide
Drew Ann Cook	BHI Marina
Edmund Jooste	37 Cape Creek Road
Elizabeth Bellucci	20 Horsemint Trail
Elizabeth Deterding	45 Transom Row
Elizabeth Kapil	56 Dowitcher Trail
Eric J. Scott	13 Lighthouse Landing
Eric Villamater	24 and 25 Tanbark Ct
Erin Pate	12 Royal Tern Court
Fran Summerlin	38 Sandpiper Trail
Frank Klaine	989 South Bald Head Wynd
Fred Bekker	305 S. Bald Head Wynd
Gary D. Melchionni	17 Cape Creek Rd.
Gary Giambrone	Did not provide
Gene Douglas	7 Fort Holmes Trail
Georgia Spogli	706 Shoals Watch
George Corvin	105 N Bald Head Wynd
Gerald Maggio	431 South Bald Head Wynd
Glen Kelley	8 Kinross Ct
Gordon W Holmes	41 Cape Fear Trail
Gregg Pollander	907 Bramble Reach
Gretchen Meyer	1A Keelson Row BHI NC
Gretchen Meyer	1 Keelson Row
Hailey Helton	Did not provide
Harry McCarthy	7 Sea Lavender Court
Heather Kirk	123 West Bald Head Wynd
Heather Lee	10 Morning Warbler Trail
Hugh M Powell	21 Silversides Trail

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James A Koch	118 Edward Teach Wynd
James A Wasson	8 Bay Tree Trail
James A. Clark	968 South Bald Head Wynd
James Ashby IV	48 Earl of Craven H
James Bohanek	5 Leeward Court
James Bourdon	513 Currituck Way
James Bourdon	513 Currituck Way
James Deterding	45 Transom Row
James G Hanes	41 Transom Row
James Henderson	40 Transom Row
James Liverman	4 Bufflehead Court
James Pawlowski	48 Earl of Craven
James Price	2 Sandspur
James Riff	27 Silversides Trail
James Roese	905A Bramble Reach
Jane E Mago	5 Starrush Trail
Jane O. Hansen	2 Keepers Landing
Jason Ainsworth	14 Indian Blanket Court
Jason Harris	305 S Bald Head Wynd - Villa 27
Jean Pierre Lefebvre	61 Fort Holmes Trail
Jeanette Tyson	11 Elephant's Foot Trail
Jeanne Elberfeld	307 S Bald Head Wynd,
Jeff Caudle	206 Row Boat Row
Jeff Cummings	47 Transom Row
Jeff Dickerson	217 Row Boat Row
Jeff Parker	2003 Palmetto Cove
Jeffrey Hull	340 South Bald Head Wynd
Jenny Hackeling	5 Cape Fear Trail
Jesse Hermann	210 Station House Way
Joan Guilkey	2 Silversides
Joan Maggio	431 South Bald Head Wynd
Joan Mueller	6 Keepers Landing
Joe Barnard	1 Dogwood Ridge Road
Joe Brawner	319 Steed Bonnet
Joel Sutherland	526 Chicamacomico Way
Johanna Ainsworth	14 Indian Blanket Court
John Bruffey	25 East Beach Drive
John C Liguori	308 Stede Bonnet Wynd
John C Richter	4 Elephants Foot Trail
John Cheesborough	Timbercreek 9b

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John D'Angelo	23 Isle of Skye Crescent
John Dimling	995 South Bald Head Wynd
John F Gottshall	201 West Bald Head Wynd
John Healy	306 and 308 Whale Head Way
John Marcelis	30 Keepers Landing
John Marcelis MD	30 Keepers Landing
John Marinelli	209 Portsmouth Way
John McVicker	Did not provide
John Munroe	7 Bufflehead Court
John P Clarke	5 Royal Tern Court
John P Jelinek	18 Cedar Court
John R. Dyer	5 East Beach Drive
John Register	24 Sabal Palm Trail
John Schoeb	Did not provide
Jonathan Thompson	6 Poorman Pepper Trail
Joseph Makar	714 Shoals Watch
Joseph Snee	47 Cape Creek
Josh O,ÄBrien	14 Killegray Ridge
Joshua Lippiner	Did not provide
Joyce Douglas	7 Fort Holmes Trail
Joyce Lambert	6 Clapper Rail
Joyce Nelson	6 Widgeon Court
Juan Ortiz	8 Sandwich Tern Trail
Judy Brawner	319 Stede Bonnet
Judy Richter	4 Elephant Foot Trail
Julia Jayatilaka	Villa 42
Julie Burson	14 Sabal Palm Ct
Julie Keenan	210 Station House Way
Justin Exner	721 Shoals Watch Way
Karen Bennett	123 N Bald Head Wynd
Karen Corvin	105 N Bald Head Wynd
Karen Klaine	989 South Bald Head Wynd
Karen Machikas	658 Wash Woods Way
Karen Mortimer	974 South Bald Head Wynd
Karen Stuver	218 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Karen Williams	7 Earl of Craven
Katherine Anderson	3 Fort Holmes Trail
Kathleen Koch	118 Edward Teach Wynd
Kathryn Murphy Liguori	308 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Kathy Newman	27 Black Skimmer Trail

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Kathy Pawlowski	48 Earl of Craven
Kathy Price	411 S Bald Head Wynd
Kathy Tennyson	9 Sea Holly Court
Keith Fehring	345 S Bald Head Wynd
Keith Mann	302 South East E Beach Drive
Kelly Timmerman	19 Peppervine trail
Kenneth D Ridings	6 Leeward Ct
Kenneth Dodge	15 Indian Blanket Court
Kenny Cooper	305 South Bald Head Wynd
Keri Cobb	18 Dowitcher Trail
Kevin Arata	112 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Kevin Paley	12 Isle of Skye
Kim Clarke	5 Royal Tern Court
Kim Gottshall	201 West Bald Head Wynd
Kim Scagnelli	9 Live Oak Trail
Kirby Ward	2 Dogwood Trail
Kourtney Tuxhorn	102 W Bald Head Wynd
Kris Burson	14 Sabal Palm Ct
Kristen Astilla	115 Edward Teach Wynd
Kristen Rauth	205 Muscadine Wynd
Kristin del Rosso	!7 Seagull Trail
Kristin Henson	224 West Bald Head Wynd
Kristin White del Rosso	17 Seagull Trail
Kristine Webster	354 South Bald Head Wynd
Kurt Haglund	423 South Bald Head Wynd,
Laura Hollingsworth	14 Water Thrush Court
Laura Hollingsworth	14 Water Thrush Court
Laura Howell	12 Laughing Gull Trail
Lawana Jellison	27 Sandspur Trail
Lawrence A Leonard	11 Cape Fear Trail
LeeAnn Pounds	3 Laughing Gull
Lesle McClure	21 Keelson Row
Leslie Parent	Did not provide
Linda Rabb	305 S Bald Head Wynd
Linda Stockton	20 Sabal Palm Trail
Liz Stafford	605 Wash Woods Way
Lora Seay	9 Red Bay
Lori Bostian	5 Earl of Craven Court
Lori Carey	611 Currituck Way
Lori McBrayer	8 Creeping Cucmber Court

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Louis Meyer	1 Keelson Row
Louis Vaickus	23 Cape Fear Trail
Lyle Wildgoose	16 Ibis Roost
Lynn Barnard	1 Dogwood Ridge Road
Lynne Ross	625 Kinnakeet Way
Mara Becker	302 South East Beach Dr
Marcel Provencher	9 Snowy Egret Trail
Margaret F Morrison (Peggy)	Ibis Roost 13
Marie Chabot-Fletcher	617 Currituck Way
Marilyn Dimling	995 South Bald Head Wynd
mark roemer	4 Summer Place
Mark Scagnelli	9 Live Oak Trail
Mark Sherburne	903 Bramble Reach
Mark Smith	9 Indian Blanket
Mark Stafford	605 Wash Woods Way
Marlene Carter	115 North Bald Head Wynd
Martha Hollinshed Fisher	5 Red Cedar Trail
Mary Anne Arata	112 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Mary Anne Arata	112 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Mary Beth Brewer	46 The Hammocks
Mary Beth Snee	47 Cape Creek Rd
Mary Harmon	14 Dogwood Trail
Mary Jane Robertson	968 South Bald Head Wynd
Mary L Feins	5 Royal Tern
Mary Mears	122 Edward Teach Wynd
Mary Michels	541 Chicamacomico Way
Mary Ortiz	9 Sandwich Tern Trail
Mary Taylor	#1 Bayberry Court
Maura Zarnik	805 South Bald Head Wynd
Melanie Robbins	7 East Beach Drive
Meredith Vaughan	28 Mourning Warbler Trail 3275
Michael Ashburn	208, 217 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Michael Becker	35 Mourning Warbler Trail
Michael Brown	217 N. Bald Head Wynd
Michael Caufield	11 Mourning Warbler Trail
Michael Dieter	Hammocks 20G
Michael Gandy	31 Dowitcher Trail
Miriam R Leonard	11 Cape Fear Trail
Miroslav Poznić	Did not provide
Molly Friedel	25 and 25 Tanbark Ct

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Mystie McCormick	39 Cape Creek Road
Nana Smith	512 Currituck Way
Nathan McBrayer	8 Creeping Cucumber Court
Nathan McBrayer	8 Creeping Cucumber
Neil Anderson	Did not provide
Nick del Rosso	!7 Seagull Trail
Noel Sior-Woodard	229 West Bald Head Wynd
Noel Woodard	229 West Bald Head Wynd
Noreen Fling	231 West Bald Head Wynd
Norman Stockton	20 Sabal Palm Trail
Nuno Valentine	308 South Bald Head Wynd
Pablo Martinez	110 & 90 Turks Head Court
Pamela Douglas	4 Coquina Trail
Pamela Ridings	6 Leeward Court
Pamela Schlosser	629 Kinnakeet Way
Patricia Riff	27Silversides trail
Paul Carey	611 Currituck Way
Paul H Suhr	405 South Bald Head Wynd
Paul Norman	2 Fortrt Holmes Trail
Paula O. Henry	25 Dogwood Ridge Lane
Penny and David Emonson	102 North Bald Head Wynd
Peter C English	2005 Palmetto Cove
Peter C Quinn	25 Dogwood Ridge Lane
Peter Kaprelian	16 Sumners Crescent
Peter Schroer	9 Wood Duck Trail
Phil Ross	559 Historic Drive
Philip Macnabb	5 Seaton Ct
Prudy Weaver	121 N. Bald Head Wynd
Ramona Rowe	1 Cape Creek Rd.
Raymond J. Harbert	11 East Beach Drive
Renee Burns	Hamocks
Renee Liverman	4 Bufflehead Court
Richard Belton	#3 Ibis Roost
Richard Easley	2 Brown Pelican Trail
Richard Feins	5 Royal Tern
Richard Hansen	#2 Keepers Landing
Rick Anderso	3 Ft Holmes Trail
Rick Nelson	6 Widgeon Court
Robert B Liesegang Sr	16 Ibis Roost
Robert Blau	5 Starrush Trail

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Robert Carter	115 North Bald Head Wynd
Robert Clayton Fletcher	617 Currituck Way
Robert H Vaughan	28 Mourning Warbler Trail
Robert Iseman	20 Horsemint Trail
Robert L. Decker, Jr.	Did not provide
Robert Morrion	22 Keepers Landing
Robert Price	985 South Bald Head Wynd
Robert Taylor	#1 Bayberry Court
Robert White	216 Station House Way
Roberta Nixon	4 Seaton Court
Roberta Scott	44 Broadway
Robin Smilek	49 Earl of Craven Court
Rocky Rausch	16 Sea Gull Trail
Rodger Blake-ward	354 South Bald Head Wynd
Rodger Fling	231 West Bald Head Wynd
Ron Ross	625 Kinnakeet Way
Ronald Mentzer	35 Horsemint Trail
Russ and Diane Walker	Marsh Harbour Inn
Russell Iannuzzelli	11 Sandwich Tern Trail
Ruth Young	121 Stede Bonnet Wynd
Sally Johnston	31 Cape Fear Trail
Sally Johnston	31 Cape Fear Trail
Sandra Gleich	438 S Bald Head Wynd
Sara Cauley	PO Box 3522
Sarah English	2005 Palmetto Cove
Scott Mueller	6 Keepers Landing
Scott Yancey	7 Loosetrife CT
Scott Yancey	7 Loosetrife
Shari Beavers	Did not provide
Sharon A. Decker	Did not provide
Sharon Donatucci	202 North Bald Head Wynd
Sharon W McCoy	111 N. Bald Head Wynd
Sherry Becker	35 Mourning Warbler Trail
Sherry Roese	905A Bramble Reach
Slaughter Fitz-Hugh	210 Portsmouth Way
Soloman Mohamed	9 Keepers Landing
Stephen Cobb	18 Dowitcher Trail
Stephen T. Mclean	98 Turks Head Court
Steve Cook	BHI Marina
Steve Deane	821 S Bald Head Wynd

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Steve Henson	224 West Bald Head Wynd
Steve Kennedy	3 Bufflehead Court
Steve McLean	28 Earl of Craven
Steven Robert McCoy	111 North Bald Head Wynd
Steven Sasz	61 Cape Creek Road
Sue Kennedy	3 Bufflehead Court
Susan Baker	Royal James Landing 2A
Susan Burkhart	13 Water Thrush
Susan Chapman	17 Cape Fear Trail
Susan Kelly	209 West Bald Head Wynd
Susan Schill	21 Keelson Row
Suzanne Whitmeyer	5 Widgeon Court
Suzi Buzzard	31 Ibis roost
Tammy C Holmes	41 Cape Fear Trail
Terri Kelly-Hopkins	9-B Isle of Skye Crescent
Terry Reger	215 N Bald Head Wynd
Theresa Bourdon	513 Currituck Way
Thomas Schlosser	629 Kinnakeet Way
Thyra Easley	2 Brown Pelican Trail
Timothy C Smith	Did not provide
Tippi Antalík	593 Kinnakeet Way
Todd Hillyard	448 Kitty Hawk Woods Way
Tom Antalík	593 Kinnakeet Way
Tom Johnston	31 Cape Fear Trail
Tom Lunsford	34 Cape Creek Road
Trish Healy	306 and 308 Whale Head Way
Valerie Halas	18 Peppervine Trail
Virginia Oliver	213 West Bald Head Wynd
Virginia Santana-Ferrer	665 Chicamacomico
Watts Carr	Did not provide
Wayne Lambert	6 Clapper Rail
Wendy Stocum	7 Palm Court
Wendy Wilmot	131 West Bald Head
William A Morton	214 Portsmouth Way
William Argersinger	129 North Bald Head Wynd
William Bennett	123 N Bald Head Wynd
William Brencick	12 Ibis Roost
William J Zigmund	3814 Writers Way
Willis Paul Brooks Jr.	850 Bainbridge Dr.

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cc: Mr. Chris Ayers, NC Utilities Commission Public Staff
Mr. Krishna Rajeev, Director Transportation Rates Division, Public Staff

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August 1, 2022 Letter to the North Carolina Utilities Commission
Comments from Signers

“I concur with the request to the NCUC regarding the Village of BHI petition. This is extremely important to us homeowners on Bald Head Island”

“We urge the commission to regulate the BHI Ferry, Barge Parking and tram operations as they are vital to all BHI owners & workers”

“Strongly support the Village process to regulate the parking and barge monopoly”

“The transportation system for BHI and its operation are important to us as owners at the island. The last year has been a nightmare with late ferries, broken ferries, barge unavailable which is lifeblood of the island. It is hopeful that whoever the owner the transportation be a fair and efficient operation.”

“I strongly support the NCUC oversight of the BHI Deep Point parking and barge operations.”

“I support the Village of BHI process to regulate the barge, parking and ferry system”

“It's essential for Bald Head's future to have the parking & barge under the same owner and regulated like the ferry tickets.”

“As full time residents we are especially concerned with unregulated parking. If those rates increase to untenable amounts, it will cause us to rethink our long term plans for living and owning a home on BHi. “

“I support the need to regulate parking at Deep Point. I am fearful of the monopolistic nature of the entire ferry system (from parking to trams). We simply have no other choice for these critical services.”

“The entire transportation system, not just the boats and trams, needs to have regulatory oversight, regardless of the final owner!”

“I support the regulation of parking and barge operations. They are monopolies and they are critical to the island. “

“Please protect our interests as property owners on Bald Head Island.”

“ I'm also concerned about recent actions to limit or restrict other emergency and transportation options that have served BHI for many years . “

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“Please regulate the parking and barge operations as they now regulate the passenger ferry. The NCUC would oversee the service levels as well as rates for parking and the barge. I am a full time resident of Bald Head Island. Thank you.”

“This system is crucial to the viability of the island. Workers, residents (many retired), and visitors have no other option to get on and off BHI. A monopoly could set rates so high that it will cripple the island. Especially eliminating services that will refuse to come over due to cost. “

“I am requesting NCUC regulate the parking and barge operations as they now regulate the passenger ferry for BHI. “

“I've has a house on BHI since 1994 and a business for the past 20 years. I've noticed the ferry and tram service has never been worse. Ferries are constantly broken and are running late almost every hour. Trams are in terrible shape. The experience of getting on and off the island is so difficult, that visitors say they will be staying somewhere else in the future. Something needs to be done to improve the service. It's awful.”

“Please regulate the parking and barge operations along with the transportation system.”

“Current barge and Deep Point parking profits are obscenely high now and user cost will rise even more if these operations remain unregulated. Barge costs all are directly or indirectly borne by BHI property owners as are contractor parking fees. The barge and parking must be regulated and then sold, preferably with the ferry, to an independent owner/operator.”

“It's essential for Bald Head's future to have the parking & barge under the same owner and regulated like the ferry tickets.”

“We have been property owners since 1997. The entire transportation system including the parking and barge operation needs to be regulated so as not to create a monopolistic system in which all dependent on the system will have no say and all will be subject to the whim and caprice of the new owners.”

“It is imperative that the Deep Point Parking network and the working Bald Head Barge fall under the jurisdiction of the state commission. “

“Unregulated prices on parking ,barge and ferry will drive out many long-standing property owners.”

“It is so important to the future of the island that the NCUC regulate the parking and barge operations as they now regulate the passenger ferry. The NCUC would oversee the service levels as well as rates for parking and the barge.”

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“No oversight or controls on parking and the barge is not in the best interest of our property owners. Transportation must be operated with input from those with skin in the game. “

“Life on BHI depends on the ferry, barge and parking services, not just for residents but for the many employees who must travel to the island every day. This is not a tourist luxury, it is essential to the life of the island and to the communities near to it.”

“BHI ferry system needs to be accountable and under control by the residents who have no choice but to rely on the ferry for access to our property. The proper ownership is with the Town Council. Thank you “

“Please approve the petition to regulate the Bald Head Island Barge, and Deep Point parking, as they are part of the entire transportation system that also includes the Bald Head Island Ferry that is already regulated.”

“We are in full support of the content and proposed regulations and operations of the Deep Point parking, barge and ferry operations put forth in this letter.”

“As owner of a house on Bald Head, we know how critical the ferry service is to the viability of the island. As such, the entire ferry operation--including not only the direct ferry operations, but also the tram service, the marinas, the facilities at Deep Point, and the parking, must all be regulated as a monopoly that ensures reasonable prices for ferry users and a return on investment that allows proper maintenance and capital improvements.”

“We support the concerns of other residents and homeowners to be protected from profiteering for the benefit of investors in a minor equity fund, at the expense of the actual users of BHI transportation system. We can't conceive of a reason the investors, now, or at some point in the future are to be benign or charitable or necessarily invest in a transportation system, a near monopoly, which the equity fund has shown it intends to establish as a total monopoly, by, as example, banning private water taxis from BHI. Their intent is already made clear and we fear the worst.”

“We need fair pricing and adequate service levels”

“I am a property owner of 2 suites at the Marsh Harbour Inn . It is critical to regulate all components of the BHI ferry system, including the barge operation and parking facility. “

“We depend on the barge & parking. They are an integral part of the ferry service. “

“I support State oversight of BHI ferry parking and barge as well as the ferry.”

“PLEASE pay heed to the points/request made in the BHI Ferry Letter to the NCUC regarding prohibiting the breaking up and sale of various assets to other buyers. Life on BH and the

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livelihoods of many Brunswick County residents are dependent upon a reliable and fairly priced ferry system. “

“We agree that the NCUC needs to regulate parking and barge fees for BHI”

“As owner of a house on Bald Head, we know how critical the ferry service is to the viability of the island. As such, the entire ferry operation--including not only the direct ferry operations, but also the tram service, the marinas, the facilities at Deep Point, and the parking, must all be regulated as a monopoly that ensures reasonable prices for ferry users and a return on investment that allows proper maintenance and capital improvements.”

“The North Carolina Utility Commission should assert regulatory oversight of the parking and barge operations in addition to the passenger ferry system.”

“Having access to other private for hire boat services to get on and off the island is important for homeowners and people living on the island full and part time.”

“The Ferry system is critical to the continued success of BHI. We are asking for the NCUC’s support for this request. “

“I am in totally agreement with the concerns outlined in this letter.”

“I support NCUC regulation of the BHI ferry/tram/barge/parking system because it is vital to the economic survival of the island and to the the interests of all those who live, work, and visit Bald Head Island.”

“Rates must be regulated to preserve this unique environment. If the ferry n parking n so forth r not controlled in some way or at least designed to protect island homeowners and / or regular users such as workers then this unique place will lose value to all parties. Basically what this place needs is a competitor ferry / parking but without one, it is in the best interests of the new ferry owners and state to maintain maximal ferry n parking use thru lower prices. This will preserve the charm of this island as well as enhance home owner values instead of reducing them. “

“A more efficient outcome would be for the Commission to regulate the entire system and allow a single commercial operator to earn a fair rate-of-return on its investment; no more, no less”

“In support of the letter to NCUC. The parking and barge should be managed together with the passenger ferry, to ensure fair pricing and a minimum level of quality service. “

“I urge the Utilities Commission’s regulation of the BHI ferry, barge and parking. These operations are all interconnected and they should be regulated as the monopoly that they are.”

Charlotte Mitchell
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