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Chairman Daniel Haley, Jr.
Portland Harbor Commission
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Portland, Maine 04101

Re: Pilotage Rate Increase Request 2022
Portland Pilots, Inc.

Dear Chairman Haley:

This letter follows our telephone call from December 9, 2021, and our letter of December 10, 2021, in which we requested on behalf of Portland Pilots, Inc., that the Portland Harbor Commission consider an increase to the pilotage rates and fees applicable in the Port of Portland at the Commission's next opportunity. I understand that the request can be formally presented at the next scheduled Workshop of January 25, 2022, at 17:00, and will then be scheduled, at the Commission's discretion, for consideration and action, at the next subsequent meeting for a full hearing on February 10, 2022. This request is made pursuant to Section 17.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Commissioners for the Port of Portland, Maine (P. & S.L. 1981, c. 98; P. & S.L. 1993, c. 34, as subsequently amended, hereinafter the "Act").

The requested increases are as follows:

- Pilotage unit rate: \$12.95 / pilot unit (from current \$11.99 / pilot unit)
- Pilot boat Capital Construction Fund: \$175 / trip (up from \$150 / trip)

Portland Pilots, Inc., has begun preparing the required documentation to illustrate why this request is just and reasonable, copies of which will be forwarded to your attention in the coming weeks. However,

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we ask that you please provide a list of documents that you believe the Commission should review to properly evaluate this request.

A full presentation of the request will be offered at the Workshop, and individual pilots and their administrator will be available for questions. Meanwhile, we further ask that you please place this request on the agenda for the January Workshop. We further request that the Commission provide applicable notice pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with the Commission on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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