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Via Electronic Mail and UPS Overnight Mail

Charles Licata, Executive Director
New Jersey Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission
One Penn Plaza East, 9th Floor
Newark, NJ 07105

RE: Minutes of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission
July 20, 2010 Meeting

Dear Mr. Licata:

I have reviewed the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission.

In accordance with the authorization contained in N.J.S.A. 12:8-1, I hereby return the minutes with a veto of certain actions taken at the July 20, 2010 meeting by the members of the Board with respect to two items.

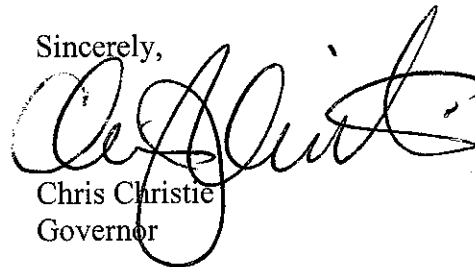
First, I veto the Board's approval of Resolution #10-03, which adopts the Commission's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. The proposed budget included a line item for "Oversight Services" in the amount of \$50,000. However, the amount needed for such services – and the determination as to whether new personnel or outside firms are even necessary for those services – was entirely speculative at the time of the meeting. This is made clear through the Board's formation of a Review Committee at the same meeting, whose mission it is to determine these very issues. The approved budget also contains a note cautioning that it may need to be amended pending the review of those issues. The Commission's speculation regarding this issue was further highlighted by the presentation of three different budget options, containing three different amounts for "Oversight Services." The final amount was not selected until the day of the meeting.

Accordingly, the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget should not have been approved absent a thorough review of these issues.

Second, I veto the Board's approval of Resolution #10-07, which authorizes a reduction in fees charged to Maritime Pilots in accordance with the Commission's reduced budget. Because I have vetoed the approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, any corresponding reduction in fees charged to Maritime Pilots should be tabled as well.

No veto power is exercised as to any other action taken by the Commission at its meeting of July 20, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie", written over a printed name and title.

Chris Christie
Governor

- c. Thomas F. Daly, President
Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit