

10135. RESOLUTION 10-11 – CREATION OF A NEW FARE CLASS FOR HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE TRAVEL ON A TRIAL-BASIS FOR THE CAPE MAY-LEWES FERRY

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority, is a bi-state agency created by Compact for the purpose of operating crossing facilities between the States of Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Cape May - Lewes Ferry (the “Ferry”), which connects Cape May, New Jersey, and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Ferry has experienced a decline in passenger traffic in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to make the ferry service more affordable for customers who travel in high-occupancy vehicles, thereby encouraging more people to use the service and to generate higher revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to promote the commerce that occurs as a result of such travel in the local communities of Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the new fare class for high-occupancy vehicle passage will be:

VEHICLE & DRIVER “FRIENDS AND FAMILY” FARE

Car, SUV, Pick-up Truck (vehicles less than 20’ length)
More than 4 passengers (including driver) Travel FREE

NOTE: No other discounts apply. Free passage granted to lowest passenger fare classes in the vehicle before higher classes over the 4-passenger threshold.

WHEREAS, the Authority’s management will evaluate the impact of the new fare class on vehicle traffic and will make recommendations to the Commissioners at the close of a seven-month trial period as to the continuance of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners do hereby adopt a new fare class for high-occupancy vehicle passage at the Ferry on a trial basis. This new fare class shall become effective on April 1, 2010, and will continue in effect through October 31, 2010.

A motion to approve Resolution 10-11 was made by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Van Sant, and approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.