

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS  
PORTS OF GALVESTON COUNTY – STATE OF TEXAS**

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**GALVESTON COUNTY PILOTS’  
APPLICATION FOR PILOT RATES INCREASE  
DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

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**WEST GULF MARITIME ASSOCIATION’S OBJECTION TO APPLICATION**

The West Gulf Maritime Association objects to the Application for Pilot Rates Increase filed by the Galveston County Pilots on September 11, 2009, pursuant to Section 67.063 of the Texas Transportation Code.

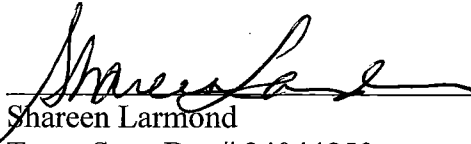
The West Gulf Maritime Association comes before the Board of Commissioners as an advocate on behalf of its members and stakeholders, comprising a broad cross section of the maritime industry that utilizes the services of pilots in the Ports of Galveston County, including, but not limited to, agents, carriers, vessel operators, and brokers. The West Gulf Maritime Association has a legitimate interest in the Galveston County Pilots’ Application for Pilot Rates Increase.

The West Gulf Maritime Association objects to each and every aspect of the Galveston County Pilots’ Application for Pilot Rates Increase. The Galveston County Pilots’ Application for Pilot Rates Increase seeks to establish rates in excess of rates justified by the factors required by Section 67.066 of the Texas Transportation Code.

WHEREFORE the West Gulf Maritime Association requests that the Galveston County Pilots’ Application for Pilot Rates Increase filed on September 11, 2009, be denied, and that the Board of Commissioners grant the West Gulf Maritime Association the relief requested and any additional relief to which the West Gulf Maritime Association may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify I sent the West Gulf Maritime Association's Objection to Application to the following Commissioners by electronic delivery on September 28, 2009, to the Chair also by hand delivery (Federal Express) on September 29, 2009, and to the representative of the Galveston County Pilots by electronic delivery on September 28, 2009:

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