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**Re: Red & White Ferries, Inc.: Application to California Public Utilities Commission
for Authority to Establish and Operate Scheduled Ferry Service Between
Fisherman's Wharf and Sausalito (Application 09-010-016 and Case 09-03-019)**

Dear Commissioner Peevey,

As President of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and on behalf of my colleagues, I am writing to request that the California Public Utilities Commission conduct a hearing in the above-referenced proceedings before taking any substantive action that would allow a new operator of ferry service, Red and White Ferries, Inc. ("Red and White"), to commence ferry operations between San Francisco and Sausalito.

The Interim Decision issued June 9, 2009 by PUC Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon, if approved by your colleagues, will allow Red and White to immediately commence operation of three scheduled ferry trips each day between Fisherman's Wharf and Sausalito for the summer months only, through September 8, 2009.

Of immediate and particular concern to this Board is that the PUC has held no hearings and, consequently, has heard no testimony on the merits of the Red and White application. There are a number of local impacts to consider, which affect the people of Southern Marin, which we would want to place before the Commission prior to any decision or commencement of service. The Marin County Board of Supervisors strongly views the Interim Decision to be premature as well as deficient from both public policy and legal perspectives.

It is the express request, therefore, from this Board that the PUC defer any action on this application until a full evidentiary hearing process is carried out.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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