

September 25, 2006

The Honorable James B. Black, Speaker of the House of Representatives The Honorable Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore of the Senate Joint Commission on Governmental Operations Legislative Office Building Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Speaker Black and President Pro Tempore Basnight:

In accordance with General Statute 143B-454(a)(11) the North Carolina State Ports Authority notifies the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Governmental Operations of the following increases in Terminal Security and Tariff Rates that will be effective October 1, 2006:

Fully Cellular Container Vessels - \$4.00 per container, laden or empty, to or from the vessel

Non-cellular and all other vessels, including barges - \$2.00 per linear foot overall per call

In addition to the increase in security fees, North Carolina Ports will be taking a general rate increase of approximately 6%, also effective October 1, 2006. Tariffs impacted include Terminal Tariff Number 7 covering the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington, North Carolina and Terminal Tariff Number 1 covering the Charlotte Terminal.

The tariffs can be obtained through the Ports' website at http://www.ncports.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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