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MICHAEL R. MOORE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

July 16, 2024

Via: Email and First Class Mail

Mr. Neil Turner
Lowcountry Ferry, LLC
43 Jenkins Island Road
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Dear Mr. Turner:

We have received your letter dated July 15, 2024, setting out your short-term plan to remedy the deficiencies in the performance of the current contract (i.e., the lack of a second fully compliant boat as required under our contract). This short-term plan you submitted appears to be a possible solution if certain conditions are met, which we will support and bring to the County Council along with the long-term solution you proposed in your letter of July 10, 2024.

Prior to receiving my support, however, the County must receive definitive proof that you have a satisfactory contract or lease in place for the use of one or both vessels proposed in your letter. This does not merely mean they are available to lease; rather, they must be either owned or leased by you and be immediately available and in your possession for use. The vessels must be inspected by an appropriate inspector (approved by the County) to be determined fully compliant, certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, and then approved as fully compliant pursuant to the contract by myself.

The vessels, if approved, must become prioritized as either the first, second or third alternative vessel for use. The vessel(s) must be approved and available to be put in service in the coming days, but no later than August 9, 2024. Once these vessels are approved and placed in use, the Ohana and Sol vessels will no longer be approved for use as vessels for the purpose of transporting passengers pursuant to our contract.

We can further discuss both your proposed short-term and long-term plans in the days and weeks ahead. Once I have approved your plans, the County Council will review, evaluate, and discuss your proposals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Moore
County Administrator