

8975. RESOLUTION 04-05 – AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AUTHORITY’S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REGULATIONS. The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority the (“Authority”) is a body politic and an agency of government of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as a public agency, the Authority adopted Freedom of Information Regulations the (“Regulations”) at its April 17, 1990 public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Authority subsequently amended the Regulations by the adoption of Resolution 00-3 at its January 18, 2000 public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to further amend the Regulations by striking Section 4, Open Meeting in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 4. Open Meeting.

(a) Public Meeting

Every meeting at which public business is considered by the Authority shall be open to the public except those closed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this Section. The meetings are not intended to be public hearings, but the procedures that are followed allow the Commissioners to communicate with each other and, where appropriate, receive input from the public. During the formal parts of the meetings, the discussions will be conducted among members of the Commissioners, the Executive Director, and appropriate staff of the Authority. The Chairs of the Commissioners’ Committees will be called on to introduce and move the appropriate resolutions in their respective areas. Once a resolution is introduced and moved, it will be the responsibility of the Chairperson and members of the appropriate committee, as well as staff, to explain the recommendations. Individuals wishing to address the Commissioners will be provided an opportunity to do so during the meeting. Individuals wishing to address the Commissioners must sign in, setting forth their name, the organization they represent (if applicable), and the topic they will address prior to the beginning of the Commissioners’ meeting at which they intend to speak. Individuals addressing the Commissioners will be limited to a set number of minutes to make their presentation. Individuals will be granted five minutes per

topic. However, individuals with more than one topic to present will be limited to a total of ten minutes. In instances where several individuals wish to address the Commissioners on the same topic, the total amount of time that will be allotted to presentations on the particular topic will be ten minutes. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Chairperson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Authority hereby adopts the above language and amends the Authority's Freedom of Information Regulations.

Chairman Parkowski noted that this Resolution is the result of discussions at the last meeting regarding the representative from Common Cause commenting on the Authority's policy on speaking before the Board. A public comment section will be added to the Commission agenda before the action items to give the public an opportunity to comment on such items.

Resolution 04-05 was moved by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Koebig and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.