

**BEFORE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF INDIANA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY QUAKERTOWN MARINA)	ADMINISTRATIVE CAUSE NUMBER: 22-SP-038
)	

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS
BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

A. Proposed Findings

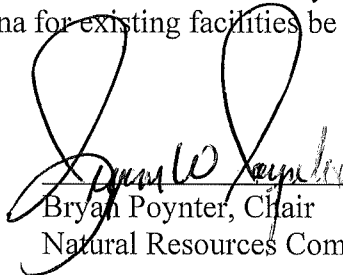
1. The scope of the informal review accorded by the Natural Resources Commission (the "*Commission*") in Information Bulletin #20 (Fifth Amendment) (*IB #20*) is addressed to petitions requesting a rate increase or rate establishment at marinas and related facilities on properties owned or leased by the Department of Natural Resources (the "*Department*").
2. Although the Department may appropriately exercise whatever rights are provided in a ground lease with respect to marina facilities, as well as any other rights provided by law or equity, the scope of review provided in *IB #20* is limited to the subject of the petition for rate increase or rate establishment. The Commission ultimately recommends action on the petition by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers ("*Corps*"), and the Corps may either accept or reject the recommendation.
3. Quakertown Marina, in their petition, requested slip rate increases that range from 5%-8%, with an average of 6.5%. No comments or requests for a public hearing were received.
4. In determining whether a recommended rate increase be granted, the Department is to analyze similar facilities and compare rates with those sought by the Petitioner. The consideration of rates charged by comparable marinas is fundamental to determining the propriety of proposed rate increases to marina slips and mooring buoys. The preponderance of information in the record indicates that the increases proposed by Quakertown are within the range of slip rates charged by comparable marinas for similarly sized slips.
5. A Hearing Officer's or the Commission's recommendation for rate increase shall not be withheld unless the rates proposed exceed the fair market rates charged by operators of other similar privately-owned resort developments comparable to the project in the area.

6. Furthermore, the Commission exercises its authority to recommend approval of the rate increases as requested by Quakertown.
7. The requested rate increases, are within the industry range and supportable. The rates approved by the Commission are set forth in the attached table, which includes all rates previously established as well as the rates recommended for approval through this action.

B. Proposed Recommendation

The Natural Resources Commission recommends to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the rate increase sought by Quakertown Marina for existing facilities be approved as requested.

Dated: 5/16/2023



Bryan Poynter, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Commission Slip Rate Recommendation

COMPREHENSIVE RATE LIST

QUAKERTOWN MARINA	CURRENT RATE	COMMISSION RATE RECOMMENDATION for IMPLEMENTATION JANUARY 1, 2024
<u>"B" Dock</u>		
HOUSEBOAT RATE (18' X 50' double berth, open)	\$3,400	\$3,640
PONTOONS, etc.	\$1,200	\$1,300
CRUISERS (under 28')	\$1,800	\$1,900
<u>"C" Dock & "A" Dock</u>		
HOUSEBOAT RATE (16' X 45' double berth, open)	\$2,900	\$3,100
PONTOONS, etc.	\$1,200	\$1,300
CRUISERS (under 32')	\$1,800	\$1,900
<u>Mooring Buoys</u>		
HOUSEBOATS	\$590	\$620
PONTOONS, RUNABOUTS	\$530	\$560



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Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Mr. Poynter:

We have received and considered the Natural Resources Commission's findings and recommendations for slip rentals at Quakertown Marina (Department of the Army Lease DACW27-1-74-077, Brookville Lake Project, Indiana) that you signed on May 16, 2023. We approve of the rate increase.

If you have any questions regarding this letter you may contact Kim Jones via email at kimberly.s.jones@usace.army.mil or by phone at (502) 315-6988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason E. Meyer".

Jason E. Meyer
Chief, Civil and Support Branch