

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 12, 2013

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Regulation No. 16A-663 (#2995)
Navigation Commission for the Delaware
River & Its Navigable Tributaries
General Revisions

On March 21, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River & Its Navigable Tributaries. This rulemaking amends 4 Pa. Code §§ 405.7, 405.8, 405.12 and 405.36. The proposed regulation was published in the April 6, 2013 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 6, 2013.

This final-form regulation brings consistency to various sections of the Commission's regulations and recognizes the current practice of licensed pilots in Pennsylvania. Primarily, this regulation aligns Pennsylvania's regulations with those of the United States Coast Guard, Delaware and other states with similar state commissions. The regulation requires licensed pilots to hold a Federal pilot's license in order to apply for or renew a state license. The regulation also amends requirements related to applications or renewal of applications, medical evaluations, and disclosures, as well as removes obsolete provisions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River & Its Navigable Tributaries (55 P.S. § 31) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman