

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission**

November 17, 2009

7:30PM Conference 10  
Government Center  
12000 Government Center  
Pkwy. Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Vice Chairman Douskalis, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Bahhur,  
Belkowitz, Boyd, Douskalis,  
Fee, Hine, Roark

Absent:

Commissioners: Bounacos,  
Hargraves, Kirk, Mrowka, Nguyen,  
Rosier

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable Communication and Consumer  
Protection  
Ellen Posner, Assistant County Attorney  
Steve Sinclair, Chief,  
Public Utilities Branch  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief,  
Consumer Affairs  
Scotty Scott, Communications Analyst  
Communications, Policy and Regulation

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chairman Douskalis.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the October 20, 2009, meeting were approved.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Vice Chairman Douskalis thanked commissioners and staff for their participation in the public hearing on taxicab certificates.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Liberman informed commissioners that DCCCP submitted the agency budget. The County Executive will present his budget on February 22, 2010.

## **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Bahhur talked about credit card companies offering 0% interest if you transfer a balance owed to their credit card. She said what they don't disclose is if you don't pay the transfer charge for moving the balance when you receive the first bill, you lose the 0% offer and can be held liable for whatever interest rate is attached with the credit card.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Boyd mentioned she received a warranty card for her automobile in the mail, and whether staff saw an increase on this issue. Staff has not received significant numbers of advice calls on this issue.

Chairman Fee talked about Cox's power surge outage right before the World Series. Cox apologized for the outage and will credit each household effected \$6.99 and offer a free movie.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **1. Overview of the City of Falls Church responses.**

Presentation was delayed until after the Judge ruled in the case of City of Falls Church and Fairfax Water Authority.

Vice Chairman Douskalis made the motion to move into closed session in accordance with Va Code §2.2-3711 (A)(7) for consultation by legal counsel regarding the lawsuit between Fairfax Water Authority versus City of Falls Church Water CACL-2008-0016114.

Commissioner Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Douskalis moved to say that no matter was discussed in the closed session other than permitted by Va Code §2.2-3711 (A)(7) as related to the case.

Vice Chairman Douskalis made the motion to end the closed session. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.