

## **INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

### **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

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#### **Budget:**

David held seven (7) budget hearings with the following agencies: Election Commission; Public Service Commission; Workers Compensation; State Accident Fund; Patient Compensation Fund; Department of Consumer Affairs; and LLR. There are seven (7) more budget hearings scheduled for tomorrow.

#### **D-SNAP Application:**

DSS continues to work on its application for federal submission for D-SNAP food assistance benefits. In order to submit the application, it must support it with data from EMD. Swati is assisting DSS to get the data it needs.

**PRT:** Below is information requested from PRT:

#### **State Parks:**

- All State Parks have reopened except Hampton Plantation. It will reopen tomorrow afternoon.
- KNOWN revenue losses through yesterday are \$344,334 (includes Y-O-Y losses and refunds that have been issued).
- Physical damage is less than \$1 million for all parks, NOT including beach erosion.
- We have restarted our social media campaign to get people back to state parks.

#### **Golf Courses:**

- There are 360 public golf courses in South Carolina.
- Two are closed from water damage: one in Horry County and one in Charleston County.

#### **Tourism Businesses:**

- Overall occupancy for the state was down 8.4% for the week.
- Columbia's numbers look strange as STR breaks out east vs west, which follows the Congaree river. It appears that as National Guard, State Guard, FEMA, etc. came to town, they occupied hotels predominantly in West Columbia and Lexington (as most hotels in Columbia proper didn't have water or had a boil water advisory).
- The Grand Strand occupancy was down about 19% last week.
- The Charleston area appears to be down overall about 18%, but the peninsula and West Ashley were down nearly 25%.
- Hilton Head fared the best along the coast, down about 10%.
- YTD, we have been trending 5% up in occupancy statewide, so the net loss is actually more than stated above.

| Segment                            | Current Week Occupancy Percent Change (%)<br>vs Same Day/Week in 2014 |             |             |             |             |             |              |               |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                    | Sun   | Mon         | Tues        | Wed         | Thur        | Fri         | Sat          | Tota          |
|                                    | 10/4/1<br>5   | 10/5/1<br>5 | 10/6/1<br>5 | 10/7/1<br>5 | 10/8/1<br>5 | 10/9/1<br>5 | 10/10/1<br>6 | l<br>Wee<br>k |
| United States                      | 1.3   | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.0         | 0.3         | 1.1          | 0.5           |
| South Atlantic                     | -1.3  | -3.6        | -0.9        | 0.5         | 1.4         | 0.3         | -0.2         | -0.4          |
| South Carolina                     | 1.0   | -15.9       | -15.1       | -8.6        | 1.3         | -8.7        | -10.1        | -8.4          |
| Savannah, GA                       | -3.7  | -1.9        | -3.2        | -8.0        | -11.8       | -11.4       | -8.1         | -7.2          |
| Myrtle Beach                       | -21.0   | -32.2       | -33.4       | -22.7       | 2.1         | -13.2       | -21.1        | -19.5         |
| Martinez/Aiken/I-20                | -3.8  | -12.4       | -14.4       | -11.3       | -5.6        | 11.1        | 2.7          | -5.5          |
| Rock Hill/Monroe                   | 12.3  | 4.2         | 3.5         | 9.1         | 8.0         | 7.9         | 2.2          | 6.3           |
| Spartanburg                        | 16.4  | 3.9         | 14.7        | 13.2        | 23.0        | -6.9        | -2.7         | 7.3           |
| Greenville                         | -2.1  | -6.4        | -7.1        | -1.1        | -3.5        | -12.3       | -12.6        | -7.0          |
| Anderson/Clemson                   | 13.9  | 24.5        | 21.7        | 12.9        | 6.0         | -20.8       | -12.9        | 2.2           |
| Columbia East                      | 31.6  | -21.8       | -29.8       | -17.9       | 4.9         | -8.2        | -2.6         | -9.2          |
| Columbia West                      | 52.3  | 13.3        | 12.5        | 15.6        | 28.7        | 8.4         | 16.7         | 18.9          |
| Florence/Dillon                    | 101.2   | 15.7        | -6.9        | -9.6        | -1.6        | 0.0         | 5.7          | 10.8          |
| Orangeburg/Sumter                  | 42.2  | -4.8        | -12.3       | -11.9       | -7.1        | -17.7       | -15.3        | -6.6          |
| Hilton<br>Head/Beaufort            | -26.1   | -19.3       | -13.2       | -4.7        | -4.0        | -4.6        | -8.7         | -9.9          |
| I-95<br>Walterboro/Hardee<br>ville | -27.4   | -28.3       | -23.1       | -12.2       | -3.0        | -18.9       | -21.3        | -18.9         |
| South Carolina Rural<br>Areas      | 18.8  | -7.1        | -6.2        | -2.8        | 6.0         | -1.3        | -4.5         | -0.6          |
| North Charleston                   | 1.1   | -19.2       | -9.0        | -4.2        | 3.8         | -4.9        | -8.1         | -5.9          |
| Charleston Airport                 | 11.6  | -7.7        | -6.0        | -3.6        | 2.1         | -7.4        | -7.5         | -3.5          |
| Charleston/West<br>Ashley          | -40.3   | -48.7       | -34.3       | -19.3       | -15.0       | -12.5       | -9.5         | -24.6         |
| Mount Pleasant/Isle<br>Of Palms    | -24.6   | -35.2       | -31.3       | -19.4       | -14.2       | -8.8        | -3.2         | -18.5         |
| Myrtle Beach North<br>Area         | -22.9   | -29.3       | -30.8       | -14.5       | 14.2        | -15.1       | -24.3        | -17.9         |
| Myrtle Beach &<br>South            | -20.0   | -33.7       | -34.8       | -26.5       | -3.3        | -12.2       | -19.5        | -20.4         |

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**Abbeville Case:**

The House and Senate are considering filing on Monday, October 19th a motion to vacate the Court's most recent order. It appears that the State plans to join in the motion. We need to discuss whether to join that motion prior to Monday. The House and Senate have circulated a draft motion for our consideration.