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VIA FACSIMILE - (360) 586-1150 - AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Pacific Boat Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Mosquito Fleet Certificate No. BC-125 Request to *Temporarily* Discontinue Ferry Service to Roche Harbor and Rosario

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pacific Boat Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Mosquito Fleet holds Certificate No. BC-125 which, among other routes, allows for passenger and freight ferry service between Everett and Roche Harbor / Rosario.

Pursuant to WAC 480-51-130, Mosquito Fleet respectfully requests that the Commission grant Mosquito Fleet permission to temporarily discontinue providing its commercial ferry service to Roche Harbor and Rosario under its Certificate No. BC-125.

Mosquito Fleet's reasons for requesting the temporary discontinuance to Roche Harbor and Rosario are as follows:

- 1. Insufficient passenger volume to yet warrant renewal of service. Overall demand to the San Juan Islands has declined in recent years;
- 2. Inordinate costs of operation as evidenced by increased fuel costs industry wide, as well as Rosario Resort's decision to commence charging for dock use; and
- 3. Alternative travel methods are currently available to the public via the Washington State Ferry system.

Should an immediate need for commercial ferry service arise, Mosquito Fleet is prepared to resume service to meet those needs.

Mosquito Fleet understands that pursuant to WAC 480-51-130 the Commission will not grant permission for discontinuance of service for periods exceeding twelve months. Accordingly, Mosquito Fleet requests



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that the Commission grant them temporary discontinuance to Roche Harbor and Rosario for the twelve (12) month period June 11, 2005 – June 10, 2006.

Please place Mosquito Fleet's Request to Temporarily Discontinue Ferry Service to Roche Harbor and Rosario on the Agenda for the next Commission meeting consistent with complying with notice requirements. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Darrell E. Bryan

Executive Vice President and General Manager

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