

Agenda Date: March 14, 2007
Item Number: B1

Docket: TS-070474
Company Name: Kitsap Ferry Company, LLC

Staff: Danny Kermode, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time

Background

Today's presentation is being made to allow passengers of Kitsap Ferry Company, LLC, (Kitsap Ferry or company) or other parties to make comments to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on March 28, 2007.

On March 8, 2007, Kitsap Ferry filed a petition with the commission requesting permission to temporarily discontinue passenger-only ferry service (Certificate No. BC-128) pursuant to WAC 480-51-130. In its petition, the company requests permission to discontinue ferry service from April 1, 2007, resuming service by April 1, 2008.

On March 7, 2007, the company issued a press release and posted notices on its ferry and at the docks it serves, informing the public that it was discontinuing service. However, the original notice did not indicate that passengers could provide comment to the commission or the date and time the commission would consider the request for discontinuance. After discussions with staff, the company posted a new notice on March 9, 2007, that included the missing information.

In its letter to the commission, the company cites that one reason for its decision to temporarily discontinue service was the February defeat of Kitsap Transit's ballot measure that would have allowed "a reliable funding source for expanded service." Kitsap Ferry also cites low ridership, high fuel prices and the Washington State Ferry policy of charging no fare for east-bound travel as reasons.

No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the March 28, 2007, open meeting.

Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time