

- 6 Although Travel Washington Gold Line has provided regular scheduled auto transportation service between Kettle Falls and Spokane region of northeastern Washington State, with stops in Kettle Falls, Colville, Arden, Addy, Chewelah, Loon Lake, Deer Park, Spokane and Spokane Airport along US Highway 395 since October 2011, the Company did not file or obtain an auto transportation certificate and therefore does not currently hold authority to provide this service.
- 7 Commission Staff's analysis concludes the services provided by CWA dba Travel Washington Grape Line and Travel Washington Gold Line are provided by contract with the Washington State Department of Transportation (Department) and funded by grant monies from the Department. Considering all the facts and information presented in CWA's petition, Staff concludes the Company's request is in the public interest and recommends the Commission grant the Company's petition for relief from rate and service regulation as an auto transportation company.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including auto transportation companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.28, RCW 81.68 and RCW 81.70.
- 9 (2) The services CWA provides fall within the scope of an auto transportation company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 10 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 13, 2012.
- 11 (4) After review and analysis of the petition for an exemption filed in Docket TC-120849 by CWA and giving due consideration of all facts presented by the Company's petition and the criteria established by RCW 81.68.015, the Commission finds that the services offered by CWA are provided by contract with a state agency, and funded by a grant issued by the Washington State Department of Transportation and finds that the forbearance from rate and service regulation is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Commission grants forbearance from rate and service regulation of CWA, Inc., dba Travel Washington Grape Line and Travel Washington Gold Line under RCW 81.68.015.
- 13 (2) CWA, Inc., dba Travel Washington Grape Line and Travel Washington Gold Line's auto transportation certificate C-063162, tariff and time schedule are cancelled at 12:01 a.m. on September 14, 2012.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 13, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary