BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) DOCKET TC-130573
SEATAC SHUTTLE, LLC,) ORDER 01
Petitioner,) ORDER GRANTING) PERMANENT
Relating to Permanent Discontinuance of Passenger Service) DISCONTINUANCE OF) PASSENGER SERVICE
Between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport) BETWEEN WHIDBEY ISLAND) AND BELLINGHAM
Authorized by Certificate of) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT;
Convenience and Necessity C-1077	 AND ALLOWING TARIFF TO BECOME EFFECTIVE
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BACKGROUND

- I On April 22, 2013, SeaTac Shuttle, LLC, (SeaTac Shuttle or Company), filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting the Commission grant a permanent discontinuance of passenger service authorized by SeaTac Shuttle's certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077, between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport (BLI), effective June 1, 2013.
- 2 On April 8, 2013, SeaTac Shuttle filed an application for extension of service in Docket TC-130494. In conjunction with that filing, SeaTac Shuttle filed a revised tariff and time schedule reflecting the discontinuance of the passenger service requested in this Docket.
- 3 SeaTac Shuttle states in its petition that a permanent discontinuance of passenger service will have "no appreciable effect on the public" because "virtually no passengers have been carried under the current disputed authority". SeaTac Shuttle requests this route be removed from its certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077.
- 4 SeaTac Shuttle holds an auto transportation certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077, authorizing passenger service as follows:

Passenger service, by reservation only:

Airporter passenger service between: Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport. Door to door service in conjunction with the above route.

Closed door service between: Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport.

Auto Transportation service by reservation only:

Between: Whidbey Island and Seattle.

Closed door service between: Seattle and SeaTac International Airport. No passengers may be transported between points in Seattle and SeaTac International Airport.

Passenger service by reservation only:

Between: Whidbey Island and SeaTac International Airport via Deception Pass or the Clinton Ferry; Door to door service in conjunction with the above route; Oak Harbor and Lupien Field.

Auto transportation service by reservation only:

Between: Oak Harbor and Coupeville; Coupeville and Keystone Ferry; Langley and Clinton.

Between: Oak Harbor and hotels and motels within a 1- mile radius and hotels and motels within a 1-mile radius of the SeaTac International Airport.

Closed door service: Between Deception Pass and SeaTac International Airport and between Clinton Ferry and SeaTac International Airport.

NOTE: Nothing in this certificate authorizes transportation between SeaTac International Airport and hotels and motels within a 1-mile radius of SeaTac.

SeaTac Shuttle requests a permanent discontinuance of passenger service between
 Whidbey Island and BLI, effective June 1, 2013. As a result, the following language

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would be removed from its certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077, if the Commission approves the request:

Passenger service, by reservation only:

Airporter passenger service between: Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport. Door to door service in conjunction with the above route.

Closed door service between: Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport.

- Under WAC 480-30-186, an auto transportation company must not discontinue operations authorized under its certificate without prior approval from the commission. The company must provide 30 days' notice to the Commission and the public before the effective date of the discontinuance. SeaTac Shuttle provided both the Commission and the public 30 days' notice of this request.
- Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the Commission grant SeaTac Shuttle's petition. The public has alternatives available to travel between Whidbey Island and BLI, such as private vehicle, taxi, limo, municipal transit, and airporter service from Fidalgo Island adjacent to Whidbey Island.

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, transfers of property and affiliated interest transactions of public service companies, including auto transportation companies. RCW 81.01, RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.08, RCW 81.12, RCW 81.16 and RCW 81.68.
- 9 (2) SeaTac Shuttle is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- Under WAC 480-30-186, an auto transportation company must not discontinue operations authorized under its certificate without prior approval from the Commission. The Company must provide 30 days' notice to the Commission and the public before the effective date of the discontinuance. SeaTac Shuttle provided both the Commission and the public 30 days' notice of this request.

- (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 30, 2013.
- (5) The petition SeaTac Shuttle filed should be granted, authorizing a permanent discontinuance of passenger service between Whidbey Island and BLI, effective June 1, 2013.
- 13 (6) The tariff and time schedule that SeaTac Shuttle filed in connection with its application in Docket TC-130494, should become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2013.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) The petition filed by SeaTac Shuttle, LLC requesting a permanent discontinuance of service between Whidbey Island and BLI as authorized by its certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077, is granted, effective on June 1, 2013.
- (2) SeaTac Shuttle, LLC's certificate of public convenience and necessity, C-1077, will be reissued, removing passenger service between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport.
- (3) The tariff and time schedule revisions SeaTac Shuttle, LLC filed on April 8, 2013, in Docket TC-130494, to remove passenger service between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2013.

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 May 30, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Acting Executive Director and Secretary