

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TC-143831
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PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE)	ORDER 01
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)	ORDER GRANTING
Requesting Forbearance from Rate and)	FORBEARANCE FROM RATE
Service Regulation as an Auto)	AND SERVICE REGULATION AS
Transportation Company Under)	AN AUTO TRANSPORTATION
RCW 81.68.015 and Requests a Charter)	COMPANY
Permit under RCW 81.70.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On November 6, 2014, People For People (People or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application filed in Docket TC-143831, that included a petition requesting that the Commission forbear from rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015.

2 RCW 81.68.015 states that Commission authority over auto transportation companies "... does not apply to a service carrying passengers for compensation over any public highway in this state between fixed termini or over a regular route if the commission finds, with or without a hearing, that the service is provided pursuant to a contract with a state agency, or funded by a grant issued by the department of transportation, and that exemption from this chapter is otherwise in the public interest."

3 If the Commission grants forbearance from rate and service regulation, the Company would provide service under a charter permit pursuant to RCW 81.70. People currently holds a charter permit under CH-65140.

4 The Commission published a notice of this request in the Docket on November 21, 2014, seeking public comment. The Commission received no comment.

5 People proposes to provide auto transportation service between Yakima County and Benton County with stops along the 182 Corridor in the following cities: Yakima, Wapato, Toppenish, Zillah, Granger, Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser. The purpose of this transportation is to connect the special needs population with vital healthcare services not available in rural areas.

6 Commission Staff's (Staff) analysis concludes the proposed service provided by People
will be 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 People's application and 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, for the route specified in
paragraph five, as an auto transportation company.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (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.
- 8 (2) The service People proposes to provide falls within the scope of an auto
transportation company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on December 11, 2014.
- 10 (4) After review and analysis of the petition and application for an exemption filed in
Docket TC-143831 by People and giving due consideration of all facts presented
by the Company's filing and the criteria established by RCW 81.68.015, the
Commission finds that the service proposed by People will be 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. People currently
holds a charter permit under CH-65140.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11* (1) The Petition of People For People, Requesting Forbearance from Rate and Service Regulation as an Auto Transportation Company under RCW 81.68.015 for the route specified in paragraph five is GRANTED.

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 December 11, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary