



GREATER OAK HARBOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 10, 2005

Ms. Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S Evergreen Park DR SW
PO Box 47259
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. TS-050443
Feet Wet Partners
Lauver/Solin

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer our full support of Feet Wet Partners' proposed passenger-only ferry service between Whidbey Island, Camano Island, and Mukilteo. This service provides a much-needed connection for residents and visitors alike.

Currently, Camano Island is not easily accessed from Whidbey Island. Coupeville, at the center of Whidbey Island, is home to the county seat. For those needing to do business with the county, this necessary link is not currently in place.

For north Whidbey Island commuters, the possibility of linking Oak Harbor to Mukilteo is truly exciting. For many residents, commuting to Everett and Seattle is necessary, and the potential link to train service will make using public transportation an attractive option for Whidbey Island commuters.

Additionally, for visitors, linking all parts of Whidbey and Camano Island will serve as a tourist attraction and will allow visitors to see all parts of the island regardless of their "home base" of choice.

I encourage you to approve Feet Wet Partners' application and expedite this necessary service for our community.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Heistad

*Greater Oak Harbor
Chamber of Commerce*
Priscilla B. Heistad, Executive Director