Service Date: December 8, 2017

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re the Application of

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE

For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Passenger and Express Service as an Auto Transportation Company

SHUTTLE EXPRESS, INC.,

Complainant,

v.

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE.

Respondent.

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE,

Complainant,

v.

SHUTTLE EXPRESS, INC.,

Respondent.

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GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 17, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 20/13/10 (Final Order) in these consolidated dockets.

Among other provisions, the Final Order assessed a penalty of \$120,000 against Shuttle Express, Inc. (Shuttle Express or Company) for 35,351 violations of former WAC 480-30-213. On November 21, Shuttle Express filed a Motion for Stay of the penalty. On December 1, the Commission entered Order 21/14/11 denying the Company's Motion for Stay.

- Order 21/14/11 permitted the Company and Commission staff (Staff) to file jointly a proposed payment arrangement to pay the penalty in installments over a time period that extends no later than November 19, 2018.
- On December 6, 2017, Staff and Shuttle Express filed a Joint Motion to Approve Payment Plan (Motion). The parties propose the following payment schedule:

January 15, 2018	\$5,000
February 15, 2018	\$5,000
March 15, 2018	\$5,000
April 15, 2018	\$5,000
May 15, 2018	\$5,000
June 15, 2018	\$15,000
July 15, 2018	\$20,000
August 15, 2018	\$30,000
September 15, 2018	\$30,000

The parties propose that each installment payment will be made "no later than" the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month. The parties also propose that if Shuttle Express misses one payment, the entire remaining balance will immediately become due and payable.

## **DISCUSSION**

The installment payment schedule that Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. We grant the parties' Motion and approve the agreed payment schedule subject to the proposed conditions, with one modification. Shuttle Express may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments until the full amount of \$120,000 is satisfied.

We also note that at least two of the due dates fall on a weekend. Because the parties agree that Shuttle Express will make payments "no later than" the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month, Shuttle Express must ensure that those payments are received by the close of business on the Friday prior to the due date.

## ORDER

- 7 (1) The parties' Joint Motion to Approve Payment Plan is GRANTED.
- 8 (2) Order 20/13/11 is modified to allow Shuttle Express, Inc. to pay the \$120,000 penalty in installments as set out in paragraph 3, above.
- 9 (3) If Shuttle Express, Inc. fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 8, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.