

MEMORANDUM

October 29, 2003

TO: Gene Eckhardt, Regulatory Services
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FROM: Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst

SUBJECT: Application: D-79214 Docket: TC-031383

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Discussion

On August 28, 2003, Mr. Ronald Goldsberry, President of Seattle, Express, Inc., filed Application No. D-79214 in Docket No. TC-031383 for extension of Auto Transportation Company Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. C-1052, to provide passenger service between hotels in the cities of Sea-Tac and Tukwila, South Center Mall, and Pike Place Market.

Application No. D-79214 appeared on the Commission's September 22, 2003, application docket. No one filed a protest, petition to intervene, or application for overlapping authority during the docket and protest period. No existing auto transportation company certificate of public convenience and necessity appears to include authority to provide the proposed service in the territory requested.

The applicant filed a complete application and has no outstanding penalties, fines, administrative, or compliance actions pending before the commission.

Under the provisions of RCW 81.68.040 the Commission may grant an application with or without hearing when there is no existing certificate holder serving the requested territory. D-79214 is an uncontested application for extension of authority to provide passenger transportation services that no existing certificate holder appears to have the authority to serve and therefore no hearing is required.

Recommendation

No hearing is required in this application and there are no issues that suggest staff should ask the Commission to set the application for hearing. Therefore, I recommend

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this application be forwarded to Licensing Staff to process and prepare an order to grant the application without a hearing.

NOTES TO STAFF:

- The applicant must file verified statements supporting the need for service in the requested territory.
- Staff needs to finalize the company's revised tariff and schedule. In this instance no fares will be collected from passengers using this service to and from South Center Mall. The South Side visitor's bureau will pay the company directly for that service.