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OLYMPIA, Wash. – State regulators will hold a meeting in Bremerton Aug. 5 to hear the public's views on a proposal by a private company to offer passenger-only ferry service between Bremerton and Seattle.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) has scheduled a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 in the Performing Arts Center/Auditorium of Bremerton High School, 1500 13th St., Bremerton.

Kitsap Ferry Co. has petitioned the WUTC for approval of its permanent application to operate private ferry service for customers between Bremerton and Seattle. The three-member commission granted a temporary permit for Kitsap Ferry to operate the route on May 6.

The WUTC has received 96 comments from members of the public, all supporting Kitsap Ferry's permit to begin foot-ferry service to Seattle from Bremerton.

On July 9, the commission approved a separate company's application, Aqua Express, to operate passenger-only ferry service between Kingston and Seattle.

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