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March 14, 2013

Mr. Terry Buzzard, Owner
Island Mariner Cruises, Inc.
#5 Harbor Loop
Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: Clarification request in Docket TS-120418

Dear Mr. Buzzard:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or commission) received your letter of March 5, 2013, requesting clarification of when Island Mariner Cruises, Inc. (Island Mariner or company) must begin providing commercial ferry service.

The UTC issued Order 01 in Docket TS-120418 granting the request of Island Mariner to discontinue commercial ferry service for a period of twelve months, beginning April 30, 2012, returning to provide service on or before April 30, 2013. By rule¹, the UTC cannot grant permission to discontinue service for periods that exceed 12 months.

Island Mariner must begin to operate its commercial ferry service no later than April 30, 2013. Commission staff is providing you technical assistance on how to notify the commission of your intent to begin service no later than April 30.

According to Island Mariner's current tariff, the company only operates if there are prior reservations. In addition to beginning service after a year of not offering commercial ferry service, Island Mariner may want to plan how it will notify its riding public that the service will again be available *between Bellingham, Washington, and Friday Harbor (San Juan Island), via Elisa, Sinclair, Cypress, Blakely, Decatur, Crane, Jones, Spieden, Johns, Stuart, Waldron, Sucia and Matia Islands with an additional stop at Roche Harbor on San Juan Island, Rosario Resort, Olga and Doe Bay on Orcas Island, Lopez and Shaw Islands.*

¹ WAC 480-51-130



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Commission staff looks forward to assisting you to file the necessary documents needed to meet your goal of resuming commercial ferry service. Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Penny Ingram, Regulatory Services Staff at 360-664-1242 or pingram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene K. Eckhardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "G" and "E".

Gene Eckhardt
Assistant Director of Solid Waste, Water and Transportation