

Docket

May 23, 2014

NOTICE: The Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will consider a petition for forbearance from rate regulation during its June 12, 2014, open public meeting that begins at 9:30 a.m., at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, in Olympia. RCW 81.68.015 provides auto transportation companies' the opportunity to petition the Commission requesting forbearance from rate regulation. The Commission is accepting written comments regarding this proposal. **Written comments must be submitted to the Commission no later than June 6 by 5 p.m.** or comments may be presented during the scheduled open public meeting. Please identify the comments by using Docket TC-141093. You may send your comments to the Commission at P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504 or by email to records@utc.wa.gov.

1. **CWA, Inc., (Cert. C-1073) in Docket No. TC-141093** requests forbearance from rate regulation pursuant to RCW 81.68.015. CWA proposes to provide auto transportation service using grant money from the Department of Transportation to provide service between Yakima and Ellensburg.

Hopesource was providing this service; however, it has decided to stop service on June 15th, 2014. CWA requests the commission grant forbearance for this service effective June 16th, 2014, so the customers that depend on this service do not have a disruption in service. The majority of passengers are students that travel between the two cities to attend classes at Central Washington University or either of the two Yakima technical colleges. Additional passengers have included employees, seniors, and disabled citizens using the service to commute to their jobs, to medical facilities, or for recreation.

Operations and logistics for this service will be tracked independently from CWA's Airporter Shuttle service. This commuter service will have a unique fleet, driver pool and operations back end (operating & passenger data collection & accounting). CWA will report on these operations to the city of Yakima, who will report to both the Washington State and federal Department of Transportation (DOT). Passengers will pay \$5 per ride or approximately 30% of the cost. Grants from DOT, the city of Yakima and Central Washington University will provide the balance of the funding.

CWA asserts that the service provided by grant between Yakima and Ellensburg meet the criteria of funding by a grant issued by the Department of Transportation and should be allowed forbearance from rate regulation (RCW 81.68.015).

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