

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND  
MANAGEMENT, INC., dba A&A  
MOTORCOACH

Petitioner,

Requesting Forbearance from Rate and  
Service Regulation as an Auto  
Transportation Company Under  
RCW 81.68.015

DOCKET TC-160847

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING  
FORBEARANCE FROM RATE  
AND SERVICE REGULATION AS  
AN AUTO TRANSPORTATION  
COMPANY

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 Transportation Demand Management, Inc., d/b/a A&A Motorcoach (A&A Motorcoach, or Company) holds Charter and Excursion authority under certificate C-1078 and seeks to provide passenger service between Yakima and Ellensburg using grant money from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Central Washington University, and Yakima Transit. This service was previously provided by CWA Inc., under a similar grant and contract that expires August 31, 2016.
- 2 On June 28, 2016 A&A Motorcoach filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation commission (Commission) an application requesting that the commission forbear from rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015, which exempts service carrying passengers for compensation if that service is provided pursuant to a contract with a state agency, or funded by a grant issued by the department of transportation, and the exemption would otherwise be in the public interest. The majority of customers utilizing this service are students that travel between the two cities to attend classes at Central Washington University or either of two Yakima technical colleges. The service will also cater to employees commuting to work, and senior or disabled citizens traveling to medical facilities.
- 3 Commission Staff reviewed the application and supports the request by A&A Motorcoach for forbearance from rate and service regulation. The proposed service meets the requirements for exemption since it is funded by a grant from WSDOT. The service is in the public interest in that it provides lower cost transportation to students, commuters, seniors, and the disabled. Additionally, the Commission has granted forbearance from

rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015 to two other companies operating the service under similar grants and contracts previously.<sup>1</sup>

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 5 (2) Transportation Demand Management, Inc., d/b/a A&A Motorcoach is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2016.
- 7 (4) The transportation services A&A Motorcoach proposes to provide fall within the scope of auto transportation services.
- 8 (5) Commission Staff supports the Company's petition for forbearance from rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015 because the service is funded through a grant from the department of transportation.
- 9 (6) The petition for forbearance from rate and service regulation filed by A&A Motorcoach is in the public interest and should be granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket TC-111298 Order 01 issued November 23, 2011 and Docket TC-141093 Order 01 issued June 12, 2014

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 10* (1) The request filed by Transportation Demand Management, Inc., d/b/a A&A Motorcoach, for forbearance from rate and service regulation under RCW 81.68.015 is granted.
- 11* (2) Prior grants of forbearance from rate and service regulation for the route between Yakima and Ellensburg, funded by grants from the department of transportation, should be removed from the certificates of companies no longer providing that service.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 4, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary