

RE: Arrow Launch Service, Inc. BC-97 Docket No.: TS-240930

As you are aware, the maritime industry globally has made important strides in reducing its carbon footprint, as well as efforts by individual businesses and/or commitments by local or State government, including those in Washington State.

To that end, we are proud to say that we have now recently committed substantial capital to a Decarbonization repower program for our entire fleet of vessels.

In addition to identifying significant governmental environmental grant programs to partially defray that sizeable expense, we have now formally sought Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approval to implement a modest hourly surcharge that, as proposed would amount to an approximate 1.3% hourly rate increase or an additional \$4.93 per hour. The surcharge will allow us to begin recovering necessary portions of that material capital commitment effective January 1, 2025.

All grant contributions noted above will be positively reflected through offsets in any surcharge or temporary hourly rate increases associated with the fleet repower project.

We hope you will understand and enthusiastically support this initiative which will ultimately redound to the benefit of all our customers, employees and the public health and safety as we all do our part in trying to mitigate the cumulative environmental effects of carbon emissions.

The Commission has the authority to set rates higher or lower than the Company's request, depending on the results of its review.

Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at a hybrid Open Meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m. If you wish to attend the Open Meeting, directions on how to do so may be found on the WUTC website at https://www.utc.wa.gov/documents-and-proceedings/open-meetings or by calling 253-215-8782 and entering conference ID 816 1703 6134. You will be prompted to enter a passcode for this meeting, that passcode is 078982. REMINDER: In order to mute or un-mute your phone, you must use the keypad by pressing *6.

You can also provide comments on our filing by using the comment form at the Commission's website at <u>https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment</u> or by using the contact information below:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504 E-mail: <u>comments@utc.wa.gov</u> Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Should you have any questions regarding our Decarbonization/Repower program, please feel free to contact me or Jeramey.

Thank you,

Jack Harmon