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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Due by Friday, March 8, 2019, at 5 p.m.)

RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Backcountry Travels LLC For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Vessels in Furnishing Passenger Ferry Service, Docket TS-180677*

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

To Commission Staff:

Commission Staff witness Michael Dotson testified that 230 public comments were filed in this docket; 227 in support of the application and 3 opposed. Please provide all comments filed in this docket compiled as one .pdf document, which will be admitted into the record as an illustrative exhibit pursuant to WAC 480-07-498(1).

BENCH REQUEST NO. 2:

To All Parties:

- A. Please provide a thorough explanation and any supporting documentation of the analysis leading to your conclusion that the public convenience and necessity require approval of Backcountry Travels LLC's Application.
 - i. Please provide the data or information you relied upon to determine that allowing two operators to provide ferry service on Lake Chelan is commercially viable.
 - ii. Please provide the data or information you relied upon to determine that allowing two operators to provide ferry service on Lake Chelan will not result in diminished levels of service by either or both operators.
- B. How did you factor the Commission's 2010 Report to the Legislature Pursuant to ESB 5894 on the Appropriateness of Rate and Service Regulation of Commercial Ferries Operating on Lake Chelan into your analysis provided in response to Bench Request 2.A.? If you did not factor the Commission's Report into your analysis, please explain your decision.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties must respond to these Bench Requests no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019, by electronic filing with the Commission's Records Center. Please provide courtesy copies by email to all parties of record and Administrative Law Judge Andrew O'Connell (andrew.j.oconnell@utc.wa.gov).

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge