

June 6, 2013

Mr. Steven King
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: Letter of Protest re: TC-130708

Dear Mr. King:

We strongly urge you to deny the application made by clearly a “fly by night” individual who thinks he can serve the public better by cherry picking a route that has been served for decades by Wickkiser International, Inc. dba Bellair Airporter Shuttle. First of all, his application is incomplete. There are no financials at all. Secondly, he does not list any individuals in charge of Safety and Operations in Section 7. He has no actual vehicle at this time and would need a minimum of three vehicles to provide 8 trips a day.

As to the actual service times his estimated trip is listed as 1 hour and 50 minutes while Bellair’s trip time is 2 hours and 30 minutes, only 40 minutes longer. Bellair already picks up passengers at the GuestHouse Inn off Lakeway which is only 300 yards from the proposed Best Western pick up point, therefore not even providing any additional service. Bellair runs 11 times a day already, with many of their trips only 1 hour apart. The proposed new service only runs 8 times a day and they have a gap of 2 to 2 ½ hours between trips so anyone who needs to get to SEATAC can actually find a shuttle on Bellair that will get them to the airport BEFORE any of the proposed shuttle’s times.

A savings of only 40 minutes is not justification to let a new operator to cherry pick a route from an established operator.

I also believe that Bellair already has the capability to provide wheelchair service to SEATAC.

However, the overriding factor that needs to be considered is the ability, experience and safety of this proposed new service. Does this person really have that expertise and ability to provide quality service to the public and the satisfaction of the Commission while at the same time running his Smoking & Curing business? I think not.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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