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Kathy Hunter, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: San Juan Express, Inc. filing a report on its efforts to address the Coast Guard's fire egress requirements
Docket TS-230253

Dear Kathy Hunter:

On May 15, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01 Granting Temporary Discontinuance of Service, Subject to Conditions in the above-referenced docket. Order 01, among other things, required San Juan Express, Inc. (Company) to file with the Commission a report on its efforts to address the Coast Guard's fire egress requirements no later than December 31, 2023.¹

On January 2, 2023, San Juan Express, Inc. filed with the Commission a letter explaining its efforts to address the Coast Guard's fire egress requirements. The Company's Report states it has not been able to resolve the design issue of the current vessel, nor acquire a new vessel that meets the requirements of service. The Company further reports San Juan County is considering a destination management plan that may impact the number of customers using the ferry service, affecting the Company's revenues.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by San Juan Express, Inc. dated December 29, 2023, and finds that it contains sufficient detail with respect to its efforts to address the Coast Guard's fire egress requirements. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 01, entered May 15, 2023.

¹ Order 01, TS-230253, paragraphs 14 and 15.

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