

We are currently allowed a \$1.00 surcharge for every passenger, fare paying or not. Under the proposed SeaTac Shuttle methodology we would be entitled to a \$.60/Pax surcharge. Our \$1.00 surcharge is justified because base period gas costs were at the time of our last general rate case. Although using the base rates from our last rate(fare) case, our total gasoline cost increases are not recouped under the current WUTC methodology. This is because of the 1% deduction taken by this methodology.

I am in favor of a simplified approach for determining gasoline surcharges if additional gas costs are recouped by the amount of the sur-charge. I am also in favor of banded rates which would, of course, eliminate the need for justifying gas sur-charges.

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