

or CenturyLink facilities in Seattle does not serve an essential transportation purpose, does not affect any existing auto transportation companies and is for recreational purposes.

- 6 Considering all the facts and information presented in Wickkiser's petition, Staff concludes the Company's request is in the public interest and recommends the Commission grant the Company's petition for relief from rate and service regulation as an auto transportation company.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies including auto transportation companies. [RCW 80.01.040](#), [RCW 81.01](#), [RCW 81.04](#), [RCW 81.28](#), RCW 81.68 and [RCW 81.77](#).
- 8 (2) The service Wickkiser proposes falls within the scope of an auto transportation company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 13, 2012.
- 10 (4) Wickkiser requests forbearance from rate and service regulation as an auto transportation company under RCW 81.68.015.
- 11 (5) After review and analysis of the petition for an exemption filed in Docket TC-121188 by Wickkiser and giving due consideration of all facts presented by the Company's petition and the criteria established by RCW 81.68.015, the Commission finds that the services proposed by Wickkiser are not essential, do not effect any other auto transportation company and are for recreational purposes and finds that forbearance from rate and service regulation is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Commission grants forbearance from rate and service regulation of Wickkiser International Companies, Inc., proposed service from Bellingham, Burlington, and Marysville to sporting events occurring at the Safeco or CenturyLink facilities in Seattle, and return to origin, under RCW 81.68.015.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 13, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary