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RE: Flexible Fares for Ancillary Charges;  
Auto Transportation Companies Rulemaking, Docket TC-121328

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) recently adopted rules concerning auto transportation companies in Docket TC-121328. Those rules became effective on September 21, 2013. One of the rules the Commission adopted provides a process for auto transportation companies to file flexible fare tariffs, allowing companies to adjust their rates up to a maximum rate without requiring tariff filings for every change.

The Commission was recently asked how it would handle proposals to increase ancillary charges or fees. The rule provides that the maximum fare does not affect charges for accessorial services. Accessorial or ancillary charges are any charges in a company's tariff except for the actual fare for the transportation of a person. Examples of ancillary charges or fees include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Processing fee
- b) Refund fee
- c) Baggage charges
- d) Cancellation fee
- e) Reservation fee
- f) Administrative fee, etc.

After reviewing the flexible fare tariff rule (WAC 480-30-420), the Commission believes the rule allows auto transportation companies to file a flexible fare tariff that includes maximum rates for ancillary charges or fees. Once the tariff is approved, a company may change any or all ancillary charges or fees up to the 25percent-above-the-base maximum shown in the tariff.

Auto transportation companies may file, with 30 days' notice to the Commission and its customers, to increase ancillary charges or fees using the methodology in WAC 480-30-420. The filing must show the currently published ancillary charge or fee as base and reflect the maximum fee or charge by increasing the base charge or fee by 25 percent. Each charge or fee must show the base and maximum fee.

If you have questions or seek technical assistance concerning this issue, you may contact Penny Ingram and she can assist you as necessary. You may reach Ms. Ingram at 360-664-1242 or [pingram@utc.wa.gov](mailto:pingram@utc.wa.gov).

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