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Further Comments by Seatac Shuttle, LLC

COMPETITION: As an addition to our earlier comments regarding competition, we would like to add that the state has now applied for \$750,000,000.00 in federal grants to extend light rail from SeaTac International Airport to the University District of Seattle. This is in direct competition with existing auto transportation operators at an outrageous cost per seat to the taxpayer for subsidized airport transportation. We feel that the WUTC should intervene and investigate the possibility of offering these funds to existing operators who could provide the service for a fraction of the cost of light rail.

In any event, this is another example of the state, which is to protect us from competition, is in competition with us itself.

BANDED RATES: After reading the comments of Mr. Asche, we have decided that we would support a geographically adjusted banded methodology if the floor of the positive side of the bandwidth were such that without staff intervention and interpretation we could achieve reasonable flexibility. After a certain threshold value of perhaps 10% bandwidth (+), the commission could examine competitive levels. That, of course, would presume that the Commission would develop a definition of competition that had application to the auto transportation industry and reflected the impact of all of the types of competition we experience.

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