

Agenda Date: December 29, 2011
Item Number: B8
Docket: TC-112072
Company Name: Shuttle Express, Inc.
Staff: Dave Gomez, Deputy Assistant Director

Recommendation

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the tariff revisions filed by Shuttle Express, Inc., on December 2, 2011.

Discussion

On December 2, 2011, Shuttle Express, Inc. (Shuttle Express or company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) revisions to its Tariff No. 7, Pages 1, 3, 7 through 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 39, with a stated effective date of January 3, 2012. The proposed tariff revisions would generate \$512,180 (4 percent) in additional annual revenue. Fares for door-to-door service to and from SeaTac Airport would increase by \$0.75 (2 percent) each way. Fares for service between downtown Seattle hotels and SeaTac Airport would increase by 13 percent. The company provides passenger transportation service to and from SeaTac Airport for more than 400,000 customers in Pierce, King, Snohomish and Island Counties annually.

The company filed the proposed rates to recover increased operating costs since its last rate increase became effective in February of 2008. The company also proposes to change the application of children's fares from under 12 years of age to under 18 years of age.

Because the proposed increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Shuttle Express has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, staff recommends the commission suspend the filing and, if necessary, hold public hearings to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

Conclusion

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