

**APPLICANT STATEMENT**

(To be completed by the individual requesting operating authority)

Applicant Name:  
MEI Northwest LLC

Application Docket No.:  
TS-160479

**THE APPLICATION** What authority are you applying for? Include any amendments.

Commercial ferry launch service

**SUPPORT STATEMENT**

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Completed by Crowley Petroleum Services, Inc. and its affiliates ("Crowley"):

**THE TRANSPORTATION NEED** Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.

There is currently only one service provider for passenger ferry and freight service in the Puget Sound. This has created timing and reliability issues for us as our customers (i.e., major oil companies) work on a tight schedule. The lack of competition reduces our ability to meet the needs of our customers.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_\_ No  If not, explain problems you have experienced.

Crowley's operations run on a 24 hour basis. We need a vendor who is able to provide prompt and reliable service on a 24 hour basis to and from our vessels. We often need to hire multiple ferry vessels at the same time to meet the requirements of our customers' schedule. This need is not currently being met. Delays in transporting crew to our vessels have occurred in the past. This puts our customers behind schedule. When a petroleum tanker operated by a major oil company is behind schedule, it becomes a serious problem for Crowley.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
Yes  No \_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

Yes, as we would be less able to provide a reliable, timely, and cost-effective service for our major oil customers. This in turn ultimately impacts the retail market. We believe that allowing another company into the market would lower the price charged to all customers in the area and would cause the current service provider to improve its performance.

**VERIFICATION**

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (RSE-8)

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Marc Aikin

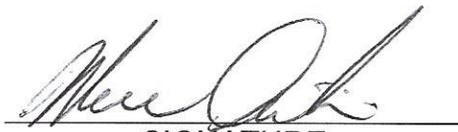
Business/Organization: Crowley Petroleum Services, Inc.

Street/Mailing Address: 1102 SW Massachusetts St.

City, State, Zip Code: Seattle, WA 98134

Telephone Number: (206) 332- 8275 Fax Number: (206) 332-8329

*I understand that this information is being given as the basis for a grant of operating authority by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, an agency of the state of Washington. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.*

Marc Aikin  
PRINT NAME  
SIGNATURE10/31/16  
DATE**IMPORTANT!!!****PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SO YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE PROCESSED**

Washington law allows the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to grant operating authority only when it is required by the present or future public convenience and necessity. Even though your application is not protested, you need one or more statements from persons proving that your services are needed, otherwise your application will be denied.

When the form is completed by a person supporting your application, send it to the WUTC at the address below. If you desire, a hearing can be scheduled for your witness to appear in support of your application.

Support statements should reach the WUTC **WITHIN 30 DAYS** or the APPLICATION MAY BE DISMISSED. We also suggest that you keep a copy of each statement. Exhibit No. (RSE-8)

If you have questions or need additional assistance, contact Licensing Services (360) 664-1222.

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**Note: Please be sure to write your application/docket number on all forms.**