

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gene Eckhardt, Regulatory Services
Assistant Director, Transportation and Water Section

FROM: Bonnie Allen, Regulatory Analyst [Signature]

SUBJECT: Application No. D-79436 - Docket No. TC-060449

Transferee: Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc.
d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Tours & Charters;
Airport Shuttle; Capital City Charters Shuttle
PO Box 2163
Olympia, WA 98507

Transferor: Black Hills Transportation and Airport Services, Inc.
d/b/a Centralia-Seatac Airport Express
PO box 14907
Tumwater, WA 98511

Discussion

Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc., d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Tours & Charters, Airport Shuttle, and Capital City Charters, (Capital Aeroporter) and Black Hills Transportation and Airport Services Inc., d/b/a Centralia-Seatac Airport Express, (Black Hills) filed joint application D-79436 in docket TC-060449. D-79436 is an application to transfer all rights under auto transportation company certificate C-993 from Black Hills to Capital Aeroporter, holder of certificate C-862. The application appeared on the April 3, 2006, application docket. No one filed a protest, petition to intervene, or contemporaneous application for overlapping authority.

Certificate C-993 authorizes airporter service between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Thurston and Lewis Counties as well as service between the Olympia Airport and various locations in Thurston and Lewis Counties. Capital Aeroporter in its certificate C-862 already holds authority to serve between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Thurston and Lewis Counties but does not hold authority to serve the Olympia Airport.

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Under the provisions of RCW 81.68.040 any right privilege, certificate held, owned or obtained by any auto transportation company may be sold, assigned, leased, transferred, or inherited as other property, only upon authorization by the commission.

There are no consumer complaints, compliance actions, or administrative penalties pending against the transferor or the transferee.

Recommendation

This is an uncontested application for transfer of a certificate and no hearing is required. There are no outstanding issues that suggest staff should ask the Commission to set the application for hearing on its own motion.

I recommend that this application be forwarded to Licensing Services staff to prepare an order granting application D-79436 in Docket TC-060449 and approving transfer of certificate C-993 from Black Hills Transportation and Airport Services, Inc., d/b/a Centralia-Seatac Airport Express, to Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc., d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Tours & Charters; Airport Shuttle; Capital City Charters.

Notes to staff:

1. The only authority to incorporate into the Capital Aeroporter certificate (C-862) is the Olympia Airport service. The balance of the Black Hills authority is fully duplicated in certificate C-862.
2. Certificate C-862 has been revised to incorporate the Olympia Airport service; to correct hotel names and locations; and to consolidate or remove duplicating authority and outdated references. A clean version of the revised authority will be forwarded electronically.
3. Black Hills tariff did not contain rates for the Olympia Airport service being transferred so Capital Aeroporter has filed a new tariff page 4C that will incorporate rates for the new Olympia Airport service.