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Backcountry Travels LLC

Application Docket No.:  
TS-180677

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**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.

EASIER ACCESS TO STEHEKIN YEAR AROUND FOR LODGING & FOOD

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

CURRENTLY LIMITED SERVICE - LIMITED TO MORNING OR EVENING - THIS SERVICE WOULD PROVIDE MORE OPTIONS MID DAY

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

MORE ACCESS TO BOAT TRANSPORTATION MID DAY AND DAILY SERVICE IN THE WINTER MONTHS

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: KT CASAO  
Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address: 1000 SR 150 SPC 28  
City, State, Zip Code: MAWSON WA 98831  
Telephone Number: 206-399-3713 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Afternoon transportation is needed to Stehekin and morning transportation to Chelan/Manson

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

additional expense (lodging) for mid-day trips for business/services

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

lack of transportation

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

Name and Title: Kurt Sixel  
Business/Organization: Banker / mortgage  
Street/Mailing Address: 303 Lakeshore Drive  
City, State, Zip Code: Manson WA 98831  
Telephone Number: 509-293-5076 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kurt Sixel  
PRINT NAME

  
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8/22/18  
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**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. *With the new business, Backcountry Travels LLC, it would provide a way for our family + friends to utilize the facility on their own schedule.*

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. *Our family has a large parcel of land 1/2 mi down lake from Stehekin. We have owned it since the mid 50's. In the past our parents, grand parents, family & friend were able to utilize it with the Lady of the Lake II. With the new owners they will not stop at our private home.*

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. *Our family and friend would not be able to utilize the home that has been in the family since the mid 50's*

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: *Darrel Lewman* *owner*

Business/Organization: *Family Home*

Street/Mailing Address: *84 Lewman Hubbard Ln*

City, State, Zip Code: *Manson, Wa. 98831*

Telephone Number: *509-687-3898*

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Darrel Lewman*  
PRINT NAME

*Darrel Lewman*  
SIGNATURE

*8-30-18*  
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**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. It would be optimal to catch the ferry to Stehekin at a later time in the morning & be able to return to Fields Point at an earlier time. The demand for this is clear.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
I have to leave very early in the am to make present ferry. One time I stayed in Pateros, but that's more time (vacation) and money.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
Yes  No  If yes, please explain. It forces me to leave at an early time from home; or stay over-night spending more money and waisting more vacation time. which lets be honest, nobody really wants to do.

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

Name and Title: Karen Pickard  
Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address: 4708- 29th Ave NE  
City, State, Zip Code: Marysville, WA 98270  
Telephone Number: 425-299-9583 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Karen Pickard PRINT NAME      Karen Pickard SIGNATURE      8-21-18 DATE

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*As property owner and seasonal residents, with a dog, we need transportation from Fields Pt to Stehekin on a regular basis. The proposed schedule would be more convenient for us and visiting friends and family.*

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

*It's difficult for family members to come and go from Seattle without spending extra nights in Wenatchee. Our time spent in Stehekin is reduced because of the current ferry schedule.*

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

*Reduced visits to Stehekin.*

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Name and Title: Kirk and Janet Thomson  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: 520 NE. 19<sup>th</sup>  
 City, State, Zip Code: East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
 Telephone Number: (206) 455-0095 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kirk Thomson PRINT NAME      [Signature] SIGNATURE      8-22-18 DATE  
Janet Thomson PRINT NAME      [Signature] SIGNATURE

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I need one day service from Mount Vernon to Stehekin where I have a cabin I visit between May + October. This boat would allow me 1 day trip without Samuel

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

With the changes in the trails/road, plane service (and myself) I rely on the boat and must be on the road by 5:00 AM to catch the boat out Field's Point

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

It would make it more difficult as I age (now 77) to access a place I have had + loved since the late 1960's.

driving in the dark.

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

Name and Title: Ginny Darvill  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: 20175 E. Hickox Road  
 City, State, Zip Code: Mount Vernon WA 98274  
 Telephone Number: 360 424 5854 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ginny Darvill PRINT NAME      Ginny Darvill SIGNATURE      8-20-2008 DATE

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**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. IF GRANTED, WE WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING STAYS AT STEHEKIN.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. BEING THAT WE LIVE OUT OF TOWN WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE FOR US AND FAMILY MEMBERS. CURRENT FERRY SCHEDULES ARE VERY RESTRICTIVE.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. MORE TRAVEL OPTIONS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO COORDINATE WITH FAMILY FOR VISITS TO STEHEKIN. WE HAVE CHILDREN (GRANDCHILDREN) AND NUMEROUS COUSINS & FRIENDS IN THE NW THAT WOULD LOVE TO JOIN US.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Michael Sawicki - owner

Business/Organization: Concrete Solutions

Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 32195

City, State, Zip Code: TULSEN, AZ 85757

Telephone Number: 520-909-5790

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael A Sawicki  
PRINT NAME

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE

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Visiting my niece and nephew in Stehekin

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

Ferry times are not conducive to my travel in and out of Chelan to get to Stehekin....I travel either from Seattle or Bellingham ..

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
Yes x No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain.....I try to visit on weekends and this is pretty impossible without taking days off to make this trip to see my family.....Inconvenient and more costly.. Therefore an additional ferry with more available times would make this trip easier for me to accomplish, allowing me to spend more time with family. ....

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Name and Title: Ginger Bensch...

Business/Organization: Family

Street/Mailing Address: 3775 Greenville Place, Bellingham Wa.  
98226

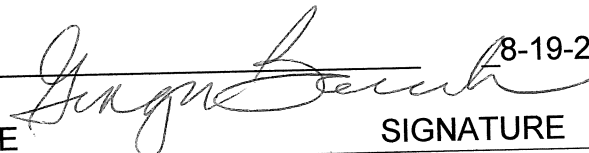
Telephone Number: 713-724-3211 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ginger Bensch

8-19-2018

PRINT NAME



SIGNATURE

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.

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Licensing Services  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250



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**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. The need for additional transportation options to/from SR From/TO Stehekin is great. One company providing boat service does not promote customer service meeting needs of this vibrant & beautiful community

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

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

When vacation plans allow a visit to the NW, we appreciate the option of not staying 2 nights getting from seatac to Stehekin.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Lynette West-Robertson

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 24902 Twin Arrows

City, State, Zip Code: San Antonio TX 78258

Telephone Number: 8304461749 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynette West-Robertson  
PRINT NAME

Lynette West-Robertson  
SIGNATURE

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Better daily year round ferry service to Stehekin for hiking, fishing, camping & other tourist needs.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. (Lady of the Lake)

Our only option to get to Stehekin is the ferry leaving Chelan at 8:30am or Field's Point at 9:45am. Hard to meet these times coming from Seattle! And off season travel to Stehekin is even more difficult.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. We will visit Stehekin less as tourists if this new ferry is not implemented. We also have to pay for a night at a hotel in Chelan that we don't even want. And will have to check out early just to make the ferry. We won't be able to go unless we plan way in advance because there are not a lot of hotels in Chelan.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Angela Chabot

Business/Organization: individual

Street/Mailing Address: 2517 E. Helen St.

City, State, Zip Code: Seattle, WA 98112

Telephone Number: 206-324-2501 Fax Number: N/A

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Angela Chabot  
PRINT NAME

Angela Chabot  
SIGNATURE

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*I have traveled to Stehekin 5 times since I came to live in Washington. This unique and beautiful spot should be shared throughout the year. Stehekin's community and livelihood is at stake*

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

*As it stands now, I am able to travel only when the ferry service allows. I did use the seaplane once and now this is no longer available.*

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

*My families enjoyment of this gem in Washington is impacted and I think the families in Stehekin deserve more opportunity for growth*

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

Name and Title: Christine Laughlin  
 Business/Organization: USAF Retired  
 Street/Mailing Address: 1614 S Grand Blvd  
 City, State, Zip Code: Spokane WA 99203  
 Telephone Number: 509-954-9789 Fax Number: NA

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Christine Laughlin PRINT NAME      Christine Laughlin SIGNATURE      8.22-18 DATE



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Ingress & Egress from Stehekin for ourselves & our clients, customers & guests - more comfortably. We are yearround residents that would appreciate more service.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. I believe that more options are needed.

The proposed schedule would allow visitors to Stehekin (and Lucerne/Holden) more convenient departure time from any place in the state (Seattle area) to arrive to board a boat to Stehekin.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No  If yes, please explain. My husband + I own 3 businesses. 2 of which are tourist dependent (Bakery cafe + rental cabins). More visitors would help the bakery. Better arrival & departure times for our cabin guests would help their travel. More options for our personal travel plans would also help us.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Roberta & Cragg Courtney managing members  
Business/Organization: STEHEKIN PASTRY CO. LLC, CASCADE CABIN RENTALS LLC  
Street/Mailing Address: STELLAR EXCAVATION LLC Box 07, STEHEKIN WA 98892  
City, State, Zip Code: STEHEKIN WA 98892  
Telephone Number: 509 670 3992 Fax Number: email: rdcourtney07@msn.com

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ROBERTA COURTNEY  
PRINT NAME

Roberta Courtney  
SIGNATURE

8/29/18  
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Living in such a remote location as Stehekin comes with a set of challenges and hardships we endure because the payoff is worth it. Transportation is right at the top of the list and one must

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

I can make them work, but it is not ideal. Having one boat option in the middle of the day makes it tough to do anything with your morning or afternoon. A mid-day downlake appointment

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. The affect would be to maintain status quo. Having an option to leave Stehekin in the morning or come home in the afternoon would make better use of our time. As it is, I email friends to see if any private boats are going

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Nancy Davis, owner

Business/Organization: Stehekin Reservations + Stehekin Outfitters

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 304

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852

Telephone Number: 509-860-2060 Fax Number: n/a

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Nancy Davis  
PRINT NAME

Nancy Davis  
SIGNATURE

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1. be flexible and accommodating to utilize the services being offered. For example, a simple shopping trip takes an hour of packing, six hours of travel time and at least an overnight stay. I buy in bulk for our hiking trips but because I can't shop and come home the same day, I need lots of fridge and freezer space to store my goods before I pack them for the boat. Having the float plane, I was able to fly out in the morning and back in the afternoon. Our time (especially in the summer) is precious and more travel options would be ideal. When winter hits, if you have a Wednesday appointment, you are committed to Monday through Friday travel time. A daily winter boat really would ease the travel stress.

2. means 1-2 overnight stays. Now that I have a young son, a simple grocery shopping trip is a large ordeal.

3. out when the timing is more convenient for my family.

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When I'm in Stehekin, I need the ability to get into Chelan in time to get some business done that same day. A ferry based in Stehekin would answer that need.

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

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes x No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. I would have to stay an extra night, incurring hotel (if available) and food expenses.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Jeff Altman,

M.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: University of

Washington \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 18474 40<sup>th</sup> Place

NE \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: Lake Forest Park, WA

98155

Telephone Number: 206/364-2180 Fax Number: --

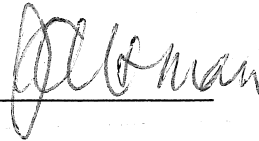
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perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.

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Licensing Services

PO Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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

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We enjoyed our visit to Stehekin and plan to return. We see the benefit to a ferry service that complements the current schedule To meet our travel plans last time we flew out on the Beaver, on a future trip if there was a morning ferry, we would probably use that option instead. That avoids us from losing that day of travel.

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

A second ferry would add much flexibility to our travel plans and make our visit more comfortable and less expensive than flying out.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_ we would lose a day due to travel time.

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**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Steve Sappington  
Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address: 329 CAMINO DE LAS COENAS  
City, State, Zip Code: Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
Telephone Number: 310 375 6598 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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STEVE SAPPINGTON

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**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. I have lived in Stehekin before and the current ferry service is not always reasonable for Stehekin residents, so a ferry service based in Stehekin would be much more accommodating.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Sometimes the current ferry is full going from Stehekin to Chelan, from people who bought round trip tickets in Chelan. ALSO, it is unreasonable to have only one departure time early in the morning from Chelan to Stehekin - it has caused →

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. I would have to continue with the inconveniences of the current ferry system and risk missing the boat on days I need to get to or from Stehekin.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Julie Cleveland

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 16927 Broadway Ave

City, State, Zip Code: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Snohomish, WA 98296

Telephone Number: 206-715-5507 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Julie Cleveland  
PRINT NAME

J. Cleveland  
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me to have to leave home (near Seattle) at 4am to make it to Chelan/Fields Point in time, or to ~~pay~~ pay for accommodation in Chelan or Wenatchee the night before traveling to Stehekin. I plan to live in Stehekin again and a Stehekin-based ferry would diminish travel inconveniences that residents currently experience. I have personally experienced not being able to get to or from Stehekin on a certain day because of these inconveniences.





My real concern is: w/o a monopoly and  
regulation would all forms of transportation  
go only when profitable? This community  
would be cut off w/o knowing exactly when  
and how a boat could deliver.

We could be isolated in the winter months  
with little or no business and 2 boats

Competing.

You must assure us that there will be a  
regular & dependable boat. There must be  
consequences for failure to regulate.

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~~To Whom it May Concern,~~

I believe this proposed mode of transportation is imperative to the survival of the Stehekin community. The majority of the locals survived because of tourists. With the loss of the commercial seaplane on the lake transportation to and from Stehekin is very limited, and simply is not practical for all visitors who would like to visit Stehekin - not to mention it's not practical to those who reside in Stehekin full time.

An example would be my family: My husband gets off work in the morning; not in time to catch the boat. This means we must wait until the next day to catch the boat - typically cutting our stay in Stehekin in half.

Also, in the winter, were typically unable to make it to Stehekin because the boat only runs 3x per week. Which means we at least have to have 3 days off work to visit, and 4 days off if we wish to visit on weekends. This simply is not practical.

We also have a rental cabin in Stehekin and the current lack of transportation affects our business negatively. This additional boat service would

make Stehekin a safer place. Having a viable option for people to get to appointments when needed could be a matter of life and death. Please consider approving this application. Sincerely, Misty Johnson

509.849.0274 mistyjohnson.com

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*Having another passenger vessel to/from Stehekin would expand scheduling options for my trips back and forth and would likely result in more visitors to Stehekin & revenue for local biz.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name and Title: Luke Evans

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1359

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 470.1941 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Luke Evans PRINT NAME      [Signature] SIGNATURE      9/23/18 DATE

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**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.

I need reliable transportation that will leave at times other than the 8am leaving Chelan & arriving Stehekin at 12:40pm. The Express Boat does not run daily year round; NOR does the Lady II.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. There is only 1 commercial passenger service from Chelan to Stehekin. It is inconvenient for my needs. 6 months out of the year it operates only 3 days a week. This does not serve Stehekin residents well or vacationers.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. I need to be able to have reliable daily service to and from Stehekin year round, at the times Backcountry Travels LLC would provide. This service would allow me to leave at mid-morning and return at 1pm, arriving Stehekin mid-afternoon on the same day.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Terrie O'Neal  
Business/Organization: Personal Use - Part time (since 1950) 68yrs  
Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 635  
City, State, Zip Code: Snohomish, Wa. 98291-0635  
Telephone Number: 360-568-6270 Fax Number:

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Terrie L. O'Neal  
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<b>THE TRANSPORTATION NEED</b> 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. We would love to spend more time visiting the Stehekin area - thru out the year. Without the seaplane there is very limited service.
Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, explain problems you have experienced. When our kids want to meet us from Seattle they must leave very very early because that is the only boat option at this time
If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ___ If yes, please explain. As stated above we would love to spend more time up lake with our family. More travel options would be dependant for us all.

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)	
Name and Title: <u>Kari Miller</u>	
Business/Organization: _____	
Street/Mailing Address: <u>485 Lakayuse Rd</u>	
City, State, Zip Code: <u>Manson WA 98831</u>	
Telephone Number: <u>2062342293</u> Fax Number: _____	
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see attachment

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If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain.  
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**VERIFICATION**  
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Logan Courtney and Corianne Courtney  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: 50 Anderson Rd  
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan WA 98816  
 Telephone Number: 509-424-0884 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Logan Courtney  
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[Signature]  
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**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.**

We need a service focused on transportation, not tourism. As Stehekin property owners, we need to be able to travel to Chelan/Wenatchee and return to Stehekin in the same day, and we need access our property daily year round. Visiting friends/family need a service that doesn't require them to either leave their homes at 5:00am to catch the boat, or stay at a hotel in Chelan the night before their trip. We need a service that is accessible to the elderly and handicapped populations.

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

The Lake Chelan Boat Company winter schedule with reduced service does not allow us to access our property without taking time off work, as they only provide service three days a week. The Lady Express always rides on a tilt, as it cannot be trimmed to level, and causes significant back pain. I've also been on the Lady II with handicapped passengers, and seen them struggle with the narrow doorways, and the steps down into the main cabin and up into the restrooms. Additionally, a boat service based in Chelan does not accommodate the daily needs of Stehekin residents looking to come to Chelan/Wenatchee for errands/appointments. The current service requires a day for travel on either side of the day spent in Wenatchee. A service based in Stehekin will maximize the business hours available with just a single night away from home.

**If the request is denied, would it have any effect on you or your business/organization:**

**Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain.**

We are making improvements to our property, and frequently go up and down the lake. The current boat schedule limits our access and opportunity for these projects, adding extra cost and time to our expenses. We anticipate having foster children in our home in Stehekin, and the inability to get to Wenatchee early in the day, much less return home the next day, may prevent us from pursuing that goal due to the requirements of the foster care system and needs of the children. Finally, the limitations of the current transportation option have essentially forced us to purchase our own boat to meet our needs. While convenient, using our own boat is not cost effective, and we would much prefer the freedom of choice in our transportation.

Logan Courtney



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Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. See attached paper

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

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**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Christina Bogantz

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 504 4709 Sportsman Club Road

City, State, Zip Code: Johnstown, Ohio, 43031

Telephone Number: 614-557-0896 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Christina DD Bogantz  
PRINT NAME

Christina D Bogantz 9/7/18  
SIGNATURE DATE



I need to be able to get into Stehekin in just one day. I travel all of the way from Ohio to Stehekin and it is impossible to get into Stehekin on the same day of my flight. After a flight from Ohio to Seattle I can't possible catch the ferry at 9:45 (which is the latest current option for catching a ferry up lake). Therefore no, my transportation needs are not being met.

With the current ferry my only option is to fly in to Seattle, stay at a hotel, drive several hours to Fields Point Landing, and then catch the ferry on my second day of traveling. Two days of traveling gets a bit expensive, it's not how I want to spend my time, it's exhausting, and it's a hassle. With this Back Country Travel's ferry option on Lake Chelan (which will leave Fields Point landing to go up lake at 1:00) I will be able get into Stehekin with just one day of traveling and still have my evening to see Stehekin! Backcountry Travels proposed schedule will shorten my traveling time immensely and it will cut out a lot of stress, hassle, and expense of staying at a hotel.

If Backcountry Travel's request is denied then I would have to spend more money to continue staying at hotels, and deal with the hassle of the hotel, and I would have to continue wasting an extra day traveling. With Backcountry Travels services, I could be getting into Stehekin in just one day and have more time in Stehekin. There services would immensely decrease the stress and hassle of getting to Stehekin and therefore makes traveling to Stehekin sound so much more enjoyable and also makes it sound like something I would be willing to do more often.

While working this summer in Stehekin, I have asked numerous people to come visit me. Because the majority of the people coming to visit me are from Ohio as well, they too have to deal with finding hotels to stay at because they can't catch the ferry into Stehekin on the same day that they fly into Seattle. By far, the hardest part of planning their visit to Stehekin is scheduling transportation. For someone from the east coast who has never been to Stehekin, it is daunting and overwhelming to figure out all of the transportation to line up with the current ferry service up lake to Stehekin. Not only is scheduling transportation hard but it is hard for my east coast visitors to take off the additional time necessary to spend traveling. Time is money and spending two full days traveling isn't practical and it defiantly isn't how people want to spend their time and money.

If they were able to make it to Stehekin in just one day of traveling, then planning a trip to Stehekin is way less stressful and way more likely. Some of the people that I asked to come and visit me couldn't afford the extra expense of a night in a hotel and the addition time off work that is currently necessary when traveling to Stehekin from Ohio. Backcountry Travels boat schedule would make getting to Stehekin in one day a possibly and it would ease the stress of traveling from the east coast to Stehekin. Also, it would increase the likelihood of having more east coast guests in Stehekin.

Winters services on Chelan are The current off season ferry service makes traveling to Stehekin extremely challenging. I believe that Back Country Travels will promote much more traveling to Stehekin

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TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CHELAN/STEHKIN  
AND PARTS UP LAKE

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

CURRENT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER DOES  
NOT MEET MY SCHEDULE NEEDS

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. I OWN TWO BUSINESSES  
THAT SUPPORT RESIDENCES + VISITORS  
TO STEHEKIN + CHELAN + OTHER POINTS  
ON THE LAKE

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: BOB DOGGETT, OWNER

Business/Organization: LOCAL MYTH PIZZA, STORMY MOUNTAIN  
BREWING

Street/Mailing Address: PO BOX 31

City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN, WA 98815

Telephone Number: 206 913 3445 Fax Number:

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ROBERT DOGGETT  
PRINT NAME

  
SIGNATURE

9-11-18  
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Safe and fast boat service between  
Chelan & Stehekin

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

• current ferry service does not provide enough  
departure/arrival options

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. We own a rental property near one of the ferry stops and guests are unable to visit ~~at~~ Stehekin as easily as they would prefer. More options would enhance the guest experience.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Sarah M. Fox

Business/Organization: Owner, rental property

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Telephone Number: 206 910 7904 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sarah Fox

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Sarah M. Fox

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I have lived in Stehekin for more than 25 years, and transportation options have never been worse. I need to come and go for my work as a writer and teacher, and have to turn down jobs regularly due to the limited ferry schedule.

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

The time of departure from STEhekin has always been a problem, requiring an extra night out for any travel. But it has recently gotten much worse as the Lady Express is often booked full in summer, and the boat company has made it harder for Stehekin residents to make reservations. Also the three day a week schedule in winter is very limiting. We used to have the float plane for an option in summer and winter, but no more. This schedule would make life much easier!

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. As noted above, I will have to continue to turn down jobs because of the cost / inconvenience of travel. I will also likely continue to skip doctor appointments because they require a two-night stay downlake.

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Name and Title: Ana Maria Spagna

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852

Telephone Number: 909 648 4938 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ana Maria Spagna

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I need a boat schedule that is more flexible therefore allowing more flexibility in my life. Backcountry Travels would provide this flexibility. Having another boat operating on the opposite schedule from the regular ferry would allow everyone the ability to manage their lives with a little less of a choke hold on traveling logistics. I also love the idea of having day in the winter for running around downlake and still being able to come back up in the same day.

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

. It is pain to have to wake up at 4am in the morning to try and catch the only boat going into Stehekin if you're downlake or alternatively, have to pay for a hotel so you can wait to get on the boat the next day. Also, I love the idea of having a morning boat going from Stehekin down to Field's Point. It is always aggravating when you need to travel away from home that you can't start your travels until the afternoon once you get downlake. Being able to get downlake in the morning is a huge plus for residents of Stehekin. Additionally, in the winter, a Stehekin resident must plan on being downlake for multiple days due to the boat schedule even if they only have business for one day. This means added expenditure of more hotel rooms, more food costs, more gas, etc.

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

Not applicable

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

Name and Title: Jamie Kozono  
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Telephone Number: 510-292-8119 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>Jamie Koruno</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/3/18
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**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.

We enjoy visiting the Stehekin area & bringing up friends with us. The current schedule is limiting & difficult to work with year round.

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

The boat schedule in the off summer season is limited, and difficult to meet our needs for visiting the Stehekin area.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. We often cannot visit the Stehekin area because the current boat schedule is inflexible in the off season which is the majority of the year.

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

Name and Title: Mitch & Alice Thompson

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 2004 Lower Monitor Road.

City, State, Zip Code: Wenatchee WA 98801

Telephone Number: 509 670 7000 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I need to be able to drive from Spokane to Chelan and then catch a ferry to Stehekin the same day. Presently, I must leave Spokane at 4AM to accomplish this. But I cannot safely drive at night.*

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

*The schedule for the existing ferry is incompatible with my travel needs (see above).*

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

*If the request is denied, it will take me two days to reach Stehekin from Spokane. With the new ferry service, it will be an easy one day trip.*

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

Name and Title: Dr. Peck Ritter  
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 Telephone Number: 509-981-1885 Fax Number: peckr.eagle@gmail.com

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Dr. Peck Ritter PRINT NAME      Peck Ritter SIGNATURE      9/7/18 DATE

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Please see attached letter.  
- Would reduce travel time to and from Stehekin from four days, to two days. This would allow me to travel to Stehekin more often

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
Please see attached letter

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

**VERIFICATION**  
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Name and Title: William G. Bogantz III  
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William G. Bogantz  8/23/18  
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**To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission**

**Support Statement for Backcountry Travels LLC application for a Ferry Service on Lake Chelan**

**Application Docket No.: TS-180677**

To whom it may concern: I saw that Backcountry Travels LLC had submitted an application for a ferry service that would operate on Lake Chelan, that would provide service to and from Stehekin and Fields Point I wanted to take a few minutes to explain why I believe this additional ferry service is necessary, and how the transportation needs of people visiting Stehekin are not being met at this current time.

As someone that has made multiple trips from Ohio to Stehekin, by far the hardest part of the trip is planning transportation. This is also the most expensive, and time consuming part. This additional ferry service would help reduce the the amount of time required to travel to Stehekin drastically, and would make me more likely to visit more often.

With the current options, traveling to Stehekin from out of town often requires two days. The latest ferry offered into Stehekin requires you to be at Fields Point Landing by 9:45am (if you take the latest option). Individuals like myself, from out of town, have to fly into Washington (usually through Seattle or Spokane), and take a several hour car ride before getting to the landing by 9:45am to catch the ferry. This is almost impossible to do in one day, therefore adding travel costs, and shortening the amount of time that can be spent in Stehekin. Some of the travel costs that are added by this are a hotel (so that you can be at the landing by 9:45am), and having to book a rental car for additional time. The additional costs like this and the extra time it takes, have deterred me from coming to the state of Washington to visit Stehekin multiple times.

Many of the issues that are faced when coming to Stehekin, are also faced when attempting to leave, and travel back to Ohio. With the current options for transportation, it often takes two days to return from Stehekin back to Ohio. The reason for this are very similar. When leaving Stehekin the earliest you can be back to Fields Point Landing is 1:45pm, and that is if you pay additional money to take the faster ferry. The other option is to arrive at 4:45pm. When arriving at Fields Point Landing at either of these times, by the time you make the several hour ride back to the airport, once again you are forced to stay an additional night and spend extra money on a hotel. This once again reduces the amount of time that can be spent in Stehekin if you have limited vacation.

When making a trip to Stehekin many individuals such as myself have to plan for spending four days traveling to and from Stehekin. When someone only has seven days of vacation, this only

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gives them the ability to spend three full days in Stehekin. This makes it very difficult to visit Stehekin unless you are able to take an extended vacation.

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Now I would like to talk about why I believe the additional ferry service offered by Backcountry Travels LLC is absolutely necessary for Stehekin. With Backcountry Travels LLC offering ferry services at different times than the current services, it would make it more cost effective to visit, and most importantly reduce the amount of time spent traveling. This would increase the amount of time spent in Stehekin, and therefore make it practical to travel there more often.

Here is how the additional ferry service would save a substantial amount of time for out of town visitors. With Backcountry Travels ferry leaving Fields Point Landing at 1:00pm to begin traveling to Stehekin, this gives more than three hours extra to complete the travels to Fields Point Landing from the airport. This would make it possible to travel to Stehekin from out of town in a single day. And with Backcountry Travels ferry being slightly faster than the current option, you would arrive by 2:45pm. This gives visitors such as myself nearly an entire day (23 hours) more in Stehekin than the best option available at this current time!

The ferry service offered by Backcountry Travels would save additional time when leaving Stehekin as well. With the ferry service that Backcountry Travels is offering I believe the travel time home could be reduced to a single day. Backcountry Travels ferry would arrive at Fields Point Landing at 11:40am, that would give more than two additional hours to get to the airport and catch a flight home. Even though two hours does not sound like a substantial amount of time I believe it would make the difference and be able to reduce my travel time home to a single day.

If the ferry offered by Backcountry Travels would be allowed to run on Lake Chelan it would save individuals such as myself two days spent traveling (one getting there, and one returning). This would mean that if I have a week of vacation to come to Stehekin, instead of spending four days traveling, and only three full days in Stehekin, I would be able to spend only two days traveling, and a five full days in Stehekin! This would make me much more likely to spend my vacations in Stehekin, Washington.

In this statement I have only talked about how this ferry would be beneficial to be traveling to Stehekin during the peak season. The benefits would be even greater during the "off season." With the Lady Express only going to Stehekin, at times, three days a week in the "off season," I have never been able to consider travel there during this time. With Backcountry Travels Ferry operating every day during the off season, this would now be a possibility!

With the beauty of Stehekin I have wanted to share it with many of my friends and family. Unfortunately, many people have not been able to come due to the amount of time they have to spend traveling. I truly believe that if Backcountry Travels would be permitted to operate a ferry service on Lake Chelan many more people would be able to travel to Stehekin!

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In this letter I believe I have shown how the transportation needs of people visiting Stehekin are not being met at this current time, and how allowing Backcountry Travels to operate a ferry on lake Chelan would fill this void.

If the request from Backcountry Travels to operate a ferry on Lake Chelan is denied it would prevent me, and many others from traveling to Stehekin when we have a limited amount of time that we can be away from home or work.

Thanks you for taking the time to read this,

*William G. Bogantz III* 8/23/18

William G. Bogantz III

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Sunbury, OH 43074  
614-949-5309

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

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

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

Name and Title: Robert & Tammy Nielsen  
 Business/Organization: Stehekin Residents, Lodge Manager, Power House Attendant  
 Street/Mailing Address: Box 85 Stehekin  
 City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852  
 Telephone Number: 509 429 7050 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Robert C Nielsen</u> PRINT NAME	<u>Robert C Nielsen</u> SIGNATURE	<u>9/14/18</u> DATE
<u>Tammy Nielsen</u>	<u>Tammy Nielsen</u>	<u>9-14-2018</u>



Robert Nielsen <robertcarlnielsen@gmail.com>

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Robert Nielsen <robertcarlnielsen@gmail.com>

To: robert nielsen <robertcarlnielsen@gmail.com>

Bcc: Colter Courtney <coltercourtney@gmail.com>

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 8:36 AM

Greetings from Stehekin

I strongly support Backcountry Travel's application to run a daily 32 passenger boat on Lake Chelan. I am Robert Nielsen, my wife is Tammy, and we have three young adult boys raised here in Stehekin.

Our family caretakes a private resort visited by up to 150 people, their extended families and friends, who come to Stehekin throughout the year.

I operate the PUD hydro electric power plant in Stehekin.

Our transportation needs have been extremely limited by the WUTC's permit to only one commercial boat operator on Lake Chelan. Our boys went to high school in Chelan, and most recently in the Methow valley. My on-call 24 hour a day job for Chelan County PUD, and the restricted travel options in the winter have been a major impediment to me being able to visit my family and high school age son these last 5 years. Daily travel options in the winter, as well as the favorable schedule leaving from Stehekin, would have been an incredible service to have had before my son graduated this last June. I missed untold opportunities to take part in his life due to travel restrictions during the winter, and our inability to afford and operate a private boat, and my inability to just quit a job that supports my family, and start over in a new location where we could all be together. I had to take two days of annual leave just to cover travel days during the winter, to be able to have a day or so on the weekend. I feel it is very unjust to limit commercial operation to just one company who can choose when to run or not, from 5 days in the winter in the past, to just 3 days a week in winter for the last bunch of years. If another company can make a go of it with a 32 passenger boat, I see absolutely no reason they should not be allowed to do so. I also see no way a 32 passenger commercial boat would compromise the Lake Chelan boat Companies ability to operate profitably. As power house operator in the Stehekin valley, I've tracked a continuous up-tick in visitation to the valley through the increased demand for power production, well within the capacity of existing equipment. The amount of summer tourists who come to Stehekin is rising. Holden village is back in operation at full capacity after their 3 or so years of limited visitors during the mine remediation. There is clearly a need for more travel options, The existing boat company has plenty of business with Holden and summer day visitation to Stehekin, and I see a



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32 passenger high efficiency commuter boat as nothing but great: for tourist, for locals, and for both operators to be motivated to provide a quality and polite service to any and all travelers on the lake. I firmly believe that more activity on the lake will foster more activity, as the proposal states; the possibilities for enhanced business opportunities should not be limited. The increased competition will improve the existing service. In summary, my ability to see my family, the ability for visitors to take advantage of shorter free periods they might have for a trip to Stehakin, and the travel flexibility for routine business or doctor visits especially in the winter, would be greatly appreciated.

If the request is denied, we are stuck with trying to continue to work around not being able to travel in winter, or needing to take two nights in Wenatchee for a 2 hour dentist appointment; and many people who come to the private resort that we manage are able to come less often.

I see the reasons that the WUTC has limited the concession to one operator back in the early 1900's. Those reasons no longer hold true: all transportation will not be at risk if two or more options are available for Stehakin travel. Time to enter the 21st century and allow the market to dictate how each of these business's operate for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Thanks for considering.

Robert and Tammy Nielsen

robertcarlnielsen@gmail.com tammyyuplake@gmail.com

PO Box 85

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no phones in Stehakin, but down lake: 509-429-7050

Please do ask me to to participate in an official hearing.

cheers, bob

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Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. We currently rent a vacation home in Stehekin for 11 guests. Their complaint is often that they must pay for a hotel room in Chelan before coming to Stehekin since the current boat leaves only @ 8:30 am from Chelan.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. The cost for guests goes up (stays up due to extra lodging) and for a large family that can be limiting (especially in summer).

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

Name and Title: WESLEY M. SHERER, owner/manager  
 Business/Organization: Stehekin Rustic Retreat  
 Street/Mailing Address: 48 DIETRICH RD  
 City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN WA 98816  
 Telephone Number: 509-470-0067 Fax Number: NONE

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.

WESLEY M. SHERER                      WMSherer                      9/16/18  
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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.

*I have 2 adult children who live year round in the Stehekin valley. It is difficult to arrange to see them, especially in the winter with the current ferry services' limited schedule. Need for more availability.*

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

*Along with the issues stated above, in the busy spring, summer, & fall seasons it is not always possible to attain a reservation on the express service as they fill up.*

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No  If yes, please explain.

*It would limit the options I and other relatives and friends have to visit family in Stehekin as well as limiting my children's ability to come out to join us for family events.*

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Gloria Gietl

Business/Organization: NA

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Telephone Number: 217-556-7316 Fax Number: NA

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**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.  
 WE NEED YEAR ROUND SERVICE TO STEHEKIN THAT DOESNT TAKE AS LONG AS WHAT IS AVAILABLE CURRENTLY.


Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
 THE VESSEL SCHEDULE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT FULLY OUR TRAVEL NEEDS.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain.  
 WE WOULD TRAVEL TO STEHEKIN LESS.

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

Name and Title: JEFF DAVIS  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 175  
 City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN FALLS, WA 98817  
 Telephone Number: 509 682-1302 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

JEFF DAVIS PRINT NAME       SIGNATURE      9-10-18 DATE

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**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.

*I need to be able to have more time in Stehekin on a day trip when the Express isn't available. Backcountry Travel will provide more time to visit.*

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
*The Express either isn't running or is full.*

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. *It would limit our opportunity to go up lake to Stehekin. With more tourists coming to the Chelan Valley, our community has a greater need for options to travel up lake than what is currently available.*

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

Name and Title: LINDA DAVIS  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 175  
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan Falls, WA 98817  
 Telephone Number: 509 682-1302 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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LINDA DAVIS PRINT NAME      *Linda* SIGNATURE      Sept 10/2018 DATE

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**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. I have friends that live in the Stehekin area. With my work schedule there are only certain times that I could make it out to visit. IF there was a commercial ferry service that ran each and every day I would be able to come visit more often.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. As mentioned before I have limited time to come visit with my current work schedule. A daily ferry would make it much easier to plan trips to the Stehekin area.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization; Yes  No  If yes, please explain. I will not be able to come visit the Stehekin area, unless I take time off of work for a longer period than normal. A daily ferry service would fix that problem for me, particularly in the winter months.

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

Name and Title: Alexandria Kovacs  
 Business/Organization: —  
 Street/Mailing Address: 7112 Township Rd 87  
 City, State, Zip Code: Thornville OH 43076  
 Telephone Number: 740-50321945 Fax Number: —

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Alexandria Kovacs PRINT NAME       SIGNATURE      8/30/18 DATE

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**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.  
I am writing on behalf of all tourists who visit Stehekin either once or over many years. We need more than one option for getting to Stehekin.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
With the sea plane service gone, we are left with only one way to get there. In the past, I have used the sea plane when I was unable to make the boat.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. See above. Also, I urge you to consider approving this proposal for a second option again. Need I say that tourists like me are an important part of the Stehekin economy?

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

Name and Title: NADINE DAVIS (Private Citizen/Tourist)

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 3061 W. 92nd Ave #13A

City, State, Zip Code: Westminster CO 80031

Telephone Number: 303-520-5969 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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NADINE A DAVIS PRINT NAME      Nadine A. Davis SIGNATURE      9/8/18 DATE

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**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.

We rent a year round cabin in Stehekin. We do not have access on days the Lady isn't running. We also exhibit our artwork at the craft shop as well as the gallery on occasion.

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

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. Without the float plane business we are concerned that we couldn't go when we would like, or if there was a health issue for us or our elderly parents downlake, we would have to limit and restrict the times we could utilize the cabin.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Sue and Dave Clouse

Business/Organization: Retired

Street/Mailing Address: 2050 1st Creek Road

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 509 687-6227 Fax Number:

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Sue Clouse  
PRINT NAME

Sue Clouse  
SIGNATURE

9-6-18  
DATE

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**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. Would provide a choice on how to get to Stehekin and more than one schedule. More competitive rates

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. More competitive rates, not a monopoly by one company.

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

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

Name and Title: Robert Gruenberg  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1102  
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA, 98816  
 Telephone Number: 509-470-5649 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert Gruenberg PRINT NAME      Robert Gruenberg SIGNATURE      9-9-18 DATE

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**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. More competitive rates and more schedules on how to get to and from Stehekin.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced. There is only one choice so they have a monopoly on what the public will bear

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

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

Name and Title: Sandra Gruenbers  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1102 Chelan, WA 98816  
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816  
 Telephone Number: 509-470-5729 Fax Number: None

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Sandra Gruenberg PRINT NAME      Sandra Gruenberg SIGNATURE      9-9-18 DATE

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**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. This business would allow me to travel to Stehekin in one day versus the two days it currently takes me.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. With the current transportation services I have had problems with the time it takes me to get to Stehekin. They only run in the mornings which is not a good time for me personally. This business has a ferry runs in at 10am, which fits my transportation needs for getting into Stehekin.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. If this business gets denied it would prevent me from visiting Stehekin more times during the year. This business will run everyday even in "off season" where as the current transportation only runs a couple days a week in "off season." Also it will allow me to spend more time in Stehekin due to the times they will operate.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Ashley Bogantz

Business/Organization: N/A

Street/Mailing Address: 546 Millag Dr

City, State, Zip Code: Sunbury, OH 43074

Telephone Number: 513-2353298

Fax Number: N/A

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Ashley Bogantz  
PRINT NAME

Ashley Bogantz  
SIGNATURE

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DATE

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**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. *Transportation service needed: mid-day ferry pick up at Field's Landing (Field Point). Annual trip to Stehekin. Our hiking club (Hobnailers, Spokane) has to arrive a day ahead + spend the night in Chelan to get the current ferry. We would be able to save time + money if a new ferry service is allowed.*

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

*Current ferry schedule requires an overnight stay in Chelan to be able to get the morning ferry at Field's Point*

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

explain. *It will keep the cost of our annual trip to Stehekin higher because we have to stay at*  
*- a motel the night before we get the ferry. With*  
*a mid day departure we could leave Spokane*  
*at a reasonable hour and catch the mid day ferry*  
*- This would save motel + food costs*

### VERIFICATION

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STAFF OF THE  
WILSON COUNTY  
CLERK  
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COURT CLERK

Name and

Title: Nancy R Crotty

Business/

Organization: member: Hobnailer's Hiking Club, Spokane WA

Street/Mailing

Address: 10124 S. Hangman Valley Rd, Spokane, WA

City, State, Zip 99224

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: 509.446.7725 Fax

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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NANCY R CROTTY  
PRINT NAME

Nancy R Crotty  
SIGNATURE

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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.

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

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**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. This new vessel would actually be a "service" for traveller and the people of Stehekin. For those traveling long distances it would provide a later departure time from Chelan, for those in Stehekin it would provide an earlier departure time allowing more time for doctor appointments w/o having to spend more money for hotels etc.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Not really. I often can not go down lake during the summer because I'm working and the time turn around for the current boat is unable to accommodate appointments etc. gets in to town too late and leaves too early. If I go out in the winter it is a minimum of a 2 night hotel stay - costly.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: inconvenient  
Yes  No  If yes, please explain. It is expensive and inconvenient with the current system. We are sequestered and held hostage by the current system - especially in the winter. They make no commuter packs for families - only individuals. They run so infrequently in the winter that some times has to spend 3 nights in a hotel before getting home.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Patricia Schrag  
Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box  
City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852  
Telephone Number: 509 669 4903 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Patricia M Schrag  
PRINT NAME

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE

9/16/2018  
DATE

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**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. I currently own a home in Stehekin and in order to maintain it I need to travel to Stehekin approximately once a month. I work Monday through Friday and can't access my home on the weekends during the winter months. This service would greatly improve travel schedules, frequency, comfort, and organization.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Overcrowded passenger boats. limited schedule that prevents travel to Stehekin in the off-season. Pro-longed trips due to stops and slower vessels.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes  No  If yes, please explain. I plan to rent my house in Stehekin, and I need to be able to visit to maintain the house. My family also lives there, which is also a personal reason I like to visit.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Chelsea Courtney

Business/Organization: Chelsea Courtney Artwork and Illustration

Street/Mailing Address: 2 Miles N Stehekin Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852

Telephone Number: (509) 670-8360 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chelsea Courtney Chelsea Courtney 9/5/18  
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**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. TRANSPORTATION FROM STEHEKIN TO CHELAN IN THE MORNING TO GIVE TIME TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE AREA TO TRI-CITIES, SPOKANE, AND SEATTLE THE SAME DAY FOR APPOINTMENTS AND RETURN HOME.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. TO GET TO STEHEKIN ON A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WE NEED TO TRAVEL <sup>TO CHELAN</sup> THE DAY BEFORE GETTING A RIDE ~~TO~~ LAKE. WE HAVE TO STAY IN AN EXPENSIVE MOTEL (IF AVAILABLE) TO LEAVE BY 8:30 AM ON THE CHELAN LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II. IF WE MISS THAT, WE WAIT A DAY

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THE LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II ARE TOO FULL FOR TRIPS DOWN LAKE TO CHELAN. WE HAVE WAITED FOR THE CHANCE TO GET ON THE LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II WITHOUT KNOWING IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE STEHEKIN THAT DAY.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: JIMMY D BENNETT

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 807 SANFORD AVE

City, State, Zip Code: RICHLAND WA 99352

Telephone Number: 541-910-0437 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jimmy D Bennett  
PRINT NAME

Jimmy D Bennett  
SIGNATURE

9-6-18  
DATE



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**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. We need access to a faster boat than what is currently offered, with more convenient travel times so that we do not have to travel home at night over mountain passes, or endure the expense of a hotel room so that we can avoid driving at night. Having an option to use a service originating in Stehekin will allow us to travel earlier in the day and save money plus travel during daylight hours thus better ensuring our safety.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No x If not, explain problems you have experienced. Because the Lady of the Lake only runs its slow boat during the fall when we go to Stehekin each year, we are forced to do the 4 hour trip. When we leave we either have to drive home at night over mountain passes, or we get a hotel room which is an added expense. Additionally, the Lady of the Lake frequently picks up large groups of children at Holden causing overcrowding and uncomfortable conditions. Or will be taking a large group to drop off at Holden, again causing overcrowding and uncomfortable conditions.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
Yes x No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. The very long boat ride from Chelan to Stehekin and back with the restricted times based on leaving from Chelan would make us consider not continuing to vacation in Stehekin because of impact to returning home over the passes in the dark. The times the boat travels are not convenient and there are currently no other options as the plane service has been discontinued.

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**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Cynthia Martin, private citizen

Business/Organization: N/A

Street/Mailing Address: 2540 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE

City, State, Zip Code: Olympia, WA 98506

Telephone Number: (360) 943-3288

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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CYNTHIA MARTIN

PRINT NAME



SIGNATURE

8/20/18

DATE

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Licensing Services

PO Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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

**APPLICANT STATEMENT**

(To be completed by the individual requesting operating authority)

Applicant Name:  
Backcountry Travels LLC

Application Docket No.:  
TS-180677

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**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. ~~We need access to a faster boat than what is currently offered, with more convenient travel times so that we do not have to travel home at night over mountain passes, or endure the expense of a hotel room so that we can avoid driving at night. Having this new boat will allow us to save money and travel during daylight hours thus better ensuring our safety.~~

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No x If not, explain problems you have experienced. ~~Because the Lady of the Lake only runs its slow boat during the fall when we go to Stehekin each year, we are forced to do the 4 hour trip. When we leave we either have to drive home at night over mountain passes, or we get a hotel room which is an added expense. Additionally, the Lady of the Lake frequently picks up large groups of children at Holden causing overcrowding and uncomfortable conditions.~~

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes x No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. We have grown tired of the very long boat ride from Chelan to Stehekin and back and are considering not continuing to vacation in Stehekin because of this. The times the boat travels are not convenient and there are currently no other options.

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**VERIFICATION**

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

TS-1806??

Name and Title: Laura Foltz, private citizen

Business/Organization: N/A

Street/Mailing Address: 2540 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE

City, State, Zip Code: Olympia, WA 98506

Telephone Number: (360) 943-3288 Fax

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Laura Foltz  
PRINT NAME

Laura Foltz  
SIGNATURE

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**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. I have a rental cabin in Stehekin. If this application is granted it would give my guest much more flexibility. There has been a time when both boats were full and out friends that were all packed for their weekend got turned around <sup>with no other</sup> options.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Currently there is 1 departure time per day in Chelan. If you're unable to make that time you're out of luck. My husband gets off work in the morning, not early enough to catch the boat. If this service is granted we would frequent Stehekin much more.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. Currently there's no way to rent our cabin in the off season. There's no way we can coordinate the boat schedule (3 days per week), and shipping our laundry back and forth. On a personal level, because I work full time it's almost impossible to visit Stehekin in the off season with the current boat schedule.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Mistaya Johnston

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 55

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 509-699-0274 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mistaya Johnston  
PRINT NAME

Mistaya Johnston  
SIGNATURE

8/22/18  
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**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. We would like to have a daily scheduled transportation available year-round, especially one that would take us down lake in the morning and back up lake in the afternoon.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. We must take extra travel days (days off of work and/or school) to make it to appointments in Wenatchee, often having to pay to stay in a hotel when down lake. Often in the summer now the Lady Express is full, requiring us to take the slow boat.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization? Yes  No  If yes, please explain. If the request is denied, it would have an effect on our school teachers & students' attendance. It would make it more costly for my husband and I to travel to/from our rental properties down lake.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Laura Getchell

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 2

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852

Telephone Number: (509) 699-2019 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Laura J. Getchell  
PRINT NAME

Laura J. Getchell  
SIGNATURE

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**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. It would be beneficial for me, my family, and the whole community of Stehekin to have a daily ferry running year round. One leaving Stehekin in the morning and returning that afternoon would be ideal, especially during the tourist season, to provide locals a way out.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. In order to go down lake for even the briefest appointment/shopping trip/etc., currently locals must take a full two days off work just to adapt to the Lady of the Lake schedule. This is inconvenient and time-consuming, no matter the season.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No  If yes, please explain. If the state of Washington denies this request, the locals in Stehekin and our economy will suffer. With a more accomadating, quick boat trip available, we would be able to manage our errands much more easily.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Jennifer Getchell

Business/Organization: n/a

Street/Mailing Address: P.O Box 2

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852

Telephone Number: (509) 699-2019 Fax Number: n/a

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Jennifer Getchell  
PRINT NAME

Jennifer L. Getchell  
SIGNATURE

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**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.  
A transportation system that enables valley residents to make better use of their time and money by allowing them to take their trips down in the mornings and back up in the afternoons

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No  If not, explain problems you have experienced.  
The current ferry system makes traveling inefficient and too time-consuming for valley residents

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes \_\_\_ No  If yes, please explain.  
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**VERIFICATION**  
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Kimberly Getchell  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 2 Stehekin WA  
 City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98882  
 Telephone Number: (509)-699-2019 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kimberly Getchell PRINT NAME      Kimberly Getchell SIGNATURE      8/16/18 DATE



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**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.

I need a transportation service that operates daily even during the winter. Also, a service based out of Stehekin is needed so that a round trip from Stehekin to Chelan and back could be made in one day.

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

The current ferry service only offers transportation 3 days out of the week during winter. Also, it is unable to fully accommodate transportation needs during summer holidays.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. As a college student, it would be impossible for me to meet with my advisors in Wenatchee and return in one day, unless this request is granted.

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Jacob Getchell

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA, 98852

Telephone Number: 509-699-2019 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jacob Getchell  
PRINT NAME

Jacob Getchell  
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**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. Stehekin residents would greatly appreciate a ferry service all year round.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Presently it is difficult for school students to take trips in the winter season and get back in time for school.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. I am a school student. Read above ~~answer~~ answer.

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

Name and Title: Kiersten Getchell

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box #2

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852

Telephone Number: (509)699-2019 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kiersten Getchell                      Kiersten Getchell                      8/21/2018  
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**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. I would like to be able to make in down to see a doctor before they close for the day. at present I need to schedule appointments in the morning and have to go down the day before

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. At present the schedule does not allow for one day going from Stehekin down to Chelan and back the same day. In the winter it is worse

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. The current schedule reduces my ability to access medical care immediately

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

Name and Title: David Betchell

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA

Telephone Number: (509) 699-2019 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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David Betchell  
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**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 ARE TIMES IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO HAVE ANOTHER OPTION TRAVELING TO AND FROM STEHEKIN. NOT EVERYONE CAN MAKE A EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE.

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

I WOULD LIKE A MORE CUSTOMER FRIENDLY OPTION. COMFORT BEING A HUGE PRIORITY, CONVENIENCE, RELIABILITY. PRESENT PROVIDER IS LACKING IN THESE AREAS.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. I WILL ALWAYS TRY TO FIND ANOTHER OPTION BEFORE BEING FORCED TO USE THE PRESENT CARRIER.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: SCOTTIE CULLNANE  
 Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Mailing Address: 100 LOOKOUT WAY  
 City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN WASHINGTON 98816  
 Telephone Number: 509-590-3290 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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SCOTTIE CULLNANE

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*We need more options for boat transportation to and from Stehekin. The Lady of the Lake schedule is too restricting.*

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

*We have depended on public transportation between Seattle and Chelan. The boat schedule does not work with bus, shuttle or train transportation - requiring a night's stay in Wenatchee.*

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
 Yes  No  If yes, please explain. *With only one option of boat travel (Lady of the Lake) our trips to Stehekin will be minimized.*

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

Name and Title: *Laura Corkern - Stehekin property owner*

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: *305 Bell Rd.*

City, State, Zip Code: *Stehekin WA 98852*

Telephone Number: *253-431-2587* Fax Number: *-*

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*Laura Corkern* PRINT NAME      *Laura Corkern* SIGNATURE      *8/24/18* DATE

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Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. No, not always. The early start time for the existing service leaving Chelan necessitates extremely early start times to travel from Olympia, conversely it arrives late in the afternoon for a late drive back.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. We would continue to use the existing services as best we can, but find our options increasingly limited by overcrowded holiday boats. We end up trying to borrow a boat.

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

Name and Title: Sandra Hulteen  
 Business/Organization: Cabin owner, Lake Chelan  
 Street/Mailing Address: 2508 Simon Lane NE  
 City, State, Zip Code: Olympia WA 98506  
 Telephone Number: 360-791-0787 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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WTT would let me go to Stehekin and be able to return early the next day and not have to wait until late in afternoon

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

being met, but could be better making connections

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

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

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 1961 Lakeshore DR

City, State, Zip Code: MANSON, WA 98831

Telephone Number: (509) 687-3598 Fax Number: ~~509-687-3598~~

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GARY L. MILLER      Gary L. Miller      Aug 23, 2018  
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**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. We are lifelong residents of Lake Chelan and see Stehekin on numerous trips. Mostly recreational to hike trails and have an outdoor experience with comfort.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes  No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Many times we have cancelled because of lack of transportation mishaps. NOT convenient hours now kept by CCB.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No  If yes, please explain. In adequate times to visit a place we love

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

Name and Title: Sandra Miller

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 1961 Lakeshore Dr.

City, State, Zip Code: MANSON WA 98831

Telephone Number: 509-687-3598 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.  
I would use this new service to visit the Stehekin area annually.

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

On my last visit to Stehekin in August of 2017, due to repairs needed, the Lady of the Lake was unable to sell tickets or guarantee transportation out of Stehekin. Because of this difficulty in 2017, I did not return to visit in 2018,

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:  
Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain.  
I most likely would not visit the Stehekin area again until another reliable service was available. The potential to be stranded in Stehekin makes the yearly vacation unappealing. \_\_\_

### VERIFICATION

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

Name and Title: Bonnie McLeod, individual

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: Tacoma, WA, 98405

Telephone Number: 253-709-2048 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bonnie McLeod  
PRINT NAME

Bonnie McLeod  
SIGNATURE

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DATE

**APPLICANT STATEMENT**

(To be completed by the individual requesting operating authority)

Applicant Name:  
Backcountry Travels LLC

Application Docket No.:  
TS-180677

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**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.  
A Stehekin based ferry service has been needed for decades, and now more than ever with the demise of Chelan Airways. It fills in a much-needed piece of the Stehekin transportation puzzle.

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

With the tourist-based ferry service operating out of Chelan, the cost of making a simple trip out of Stehekin means at least two nights lodging away from home before being able to return.

If the request is denied, would it have any effect on you or your business/organization:

Yes X No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
Continued inconvenience and higher costs of traveling out of Stehekin.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Doug Woodward  
Business/Organization: Stehekin resident  
Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 26  
City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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D.L. WOODWARD  
PRINT NAME

D.L. Woodward  
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Friday, August 24, 2018

Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Licensing Services  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

To Whom it may concern,

We would like to provide our support of a petition for an additional ferry service on Lake Chelan proposed by Colter Courtney of Backcountry Travel LLC. Application Docket # TS-180677

My husband and I are frequent visitors to Stehekin from our home in Chelan. When the float plane service was in operation, we used a combination of the Float Plane, our private boat, and the Lake Chelan Boat Company for transportation to the west end of the lake to spend time at our family cabin. Having multiple choices for travel to Stehekin allowed us to visit more frequently and take less time off from work to do so.

With the float plane out of service, and travel by private boat often hampered by wind and unpredictable lake conditions, we have only the Lake Chelan Boat Company ferry schedule to work with. Much of the year, they operate their vessels on an a very abbreviated schedule, making a weekend visit impossible. You are forced to add additional vacation days in order to have transportation. During the busy summer months, passengers frequently have to shorten or extend their itinerary due to the fact that the Lady Express service is full nearly each day during the summer.

The Courtney Family genuinely cares about the community of Stehekin, and its residents. Visitors and the tourist dollars they bring helps the community to thrive, and allows people who choose to make this unique little town their permanent home, to make a living. Allowing Mr. Courtney to provide additional access to and from this remote community will give more people the ability/opportunity to visit Stehekin help to extend the very short tourist season so that residents can increase their earning potential.

We urge you to approve their application and provide more options for travel to Stehekin, Washington for visitors, residents and property owners alike.

Sincerely,



Jill and Jim Burbery  
58 Howser Road  
Chelan, WA 98816

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Sue Crinklaw  
204 Wells Avenue  
Manson, WA 98831

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Back Country Travels starting a boat service to and from Stehekin. Although I live in the immediate area, I have many relatives and friends who go to Stehekin during the year. This requires them to either get a motel for 2 nights, one on each end of their trip, or having to drive to and from their home in non-daylight hours.


The experiences at Stehekin are such that folks need to arrive there rested and ready to go and upon leaving, not dread a 3-4 hour drive. This would benefit those in Stehekin who are trying to make a living during the few months of summer.

In addition, it would allow for more people to experience what Stehekin has to offer year round as the travel would not be so difficult.

Stehekin residents would benefit also. This would allow them to make important appointments downlake without having to be gone 3 days from their family or business. It could be done in two days, or if just a quick trip to the bank, could be done in one.

The Courtney family has long been respected not only in Stehekin, but throughout the valley for their efforts to keep Stehekin on the map and this is just another way they have found to do so. Offering such excellent boat service would be a real asset to all.

Please consider allowing this permit for not only visitors, but residents.

Sincerely,  
  
Sue Crinklaw

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Applicant Name: Backcountry Travels LLC  
Application Docket No.: TS-180677

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**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. Our Hobuairer Hiking Club travels to Stehekin annually in September. I would very much like to see a more user friendly service with an alternate and more convenient time schedule.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes \_\_\_ No  If not, explain problems you have experienced. Times are not convenient and length of time on boat is too long.


If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes  No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. We desperately need an alternate to the current boat schedule to replace the defunct air alternative.

**VERIFICATION**

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

Name and Title: Carolyn Fletcher  
Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: 509-924-8716 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Carolyn Fletcher PRINT NAME  
 SIGNATURE  
9-24-18 DATE

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To: WUTC

I am writing in regard to application docket, TS-180677.

I am a fourth generation resident of Stehekin, own two tourist-based businesses in Stehekin, and I believe it would be good for the valley to have more options for traveling to and from Stehekin.

First of all, there is the free-enterprise aspect. It seems at odds with traditional values that Lake Chelan Boat Company has a monopoly. The federal government has also built a huge parking lot for a private company and will they do not welcome other uses of the dock and parking lot.

Secondly, Stehekin residents and businesses could benefit from a Stehekin based boat company for ease of coming and going... Currently when the boats are full on busy weekends, it can be slow in Stehekin if Holden is getting large groups in, because only a finite number of people can get to Stehekin and Holden with the boat schedule and the fact the Boat Co never offers additional runs. And with no air service it has become increasingly tough to get up and downlake with any agility. Stehekin business is slowly being strangled by not having any transportation choices for our clients. Winter time is a slow time but the schedule does not allow for much freedom of ingress and egress. The current boat company owners have never asked residents or business owners if there was a way that the service could be improved or if we as businesses owners were satisfied with the service as is runs. An offer to brainstorm better solutions would have been welcome at some point in the last 30 years. The comfort on the Lady Express leaves a lot to be desired, in the winter especially. The upstairs is often frigid and the downstairs often smells terrible from the toilets not being vented properly. Has anyone from the UTC ever ridden the boats in Spring, Winter or Fall? I believe that valley residents and tourists would benefit with two transportation options, 1 based in Stehekin and 1 based in Chelan. It would allow or visitor numbers to expand rather than being checked.

In closing I would say that I am willing to take a chance that the service on the lake would get better, not worse, with two operators.

Sincerely,

  
Cragg Courtney

Box 67  
Stehekin, WA 98852  
Email: courtneystehekin@msn.com

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**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.

I have visited Stehekin several times, and each time really enjoyed it. It is the gateway to many great hiking areas in the north Cascades. This ferry would greatly enhance access to Stehekin and also help the local community. Please allow them to increase their ferry service.

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

The timing of the existing ferry service make it difficult to access Stehekin, and make it more expensive since you usually have to allow for an extra day just for transportation back and forth.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes x No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain. I am writing as an individual but also a member of outdoor organizations such as the Mountaineers. Not having this proposed ferry service would reduce access to this great hiking and backpacking area.

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Name and Title: Martha L

Burke

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: Suquamish, WA

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Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Martha L Burke

*Martha Burke*

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**IMPORTANT!!!**

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SO YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE PROCESSED**

Applicant Name: Backcountry Travels LLC	Application Docket No.: TS-180677
<b>THE APPLICATION</b> What authority are you applying for? Include any amendments. <u>A daily, year round commercial ferry service on Lake Chelan based out of Stehekin WA. The vessel that will be used is a quiet, comfortable and efficient thirty two passenger catamaran. The vessel would leave Stehekin at 10:40am daily and return at 1pm, arriving back in Stehekin at 2:45pm.</u>	

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**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.

A group I belong to vacations yearly in Stehekin we use the service from Chelan to Stehekin

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

The current service is difficult due to the time schedule and length of travel from Chelan to Stehekin

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

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

Name and Title: Jane Baldwin

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Mailing Address: 23030 E Remington LN

City, State, Zip Code: Liberty Lake WA

Telephone Number: 509-928-5772 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jane Baldwin PRINT NAME      Jane Baldwin SIGNATURE      8-31-2018 DATE

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in protest against Back Country Travels LLC. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Vessels in Furnishing Passenger Ferry Service. In Coulter Courtney's Pre-filed Testimony NO. TS-180677- Question 12, Coulter states "...you can see that the number of riders peaked nearly two decades ago in 1999 at 29,611 and that number has stagnated even though businesses in and around Stehekin have increased their capacity to serve more people."

Upon further examination, it has come to my understanding that the North Cascades Lodge, a hotspot for tourists in the summer, and the only restaurant open in the winter has shut down for the season. On their website they promote their service as "only open for lunch on days that the Lady of the Lake travels to Stehekin." But this season, they have failed to provide for guests as of 01/02/2019. This goes to show that there isn't a need for two separate services on Lake Chelan because Stehekin can't support two competing businesses. Stehekin has not increased their capacity to serve more people, specifically in the off-season as Colter claims.

By granting Colter's application, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Committee risks imposing an extreme financial burden on the Lady of the Lake and the entire community of Stehekin.

I urge you to decline the Backcountry Travel application in order to preserve what has been a long-standing company on Lake Chelan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gage Martin".

Gage Martin- Lake Chelan Washington

January 4, 2019

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Attn: Lead Staff Member Michael Dotson and Lead Filing Staff on Docket #180677

I am writing to you today to express my concern regarding the commercial ferry application for Backcountry Travels LLC. As a resident of Chelan, I believe that the granting of a public convenience and necessity permit for Colter Courtney's business would be detrimental to the current ferry service that operates on the lake.

The proposed business would interfere with the existing ferry company that has always provided outstanding service. This family-owned and operated business has provided Stehekin residents and visitors alike with the luxury of comfort, convenience and safety by maintaining two large, fully-functioning vessels that provide service all-year-round. Allowing the launch of a competing ferry on Lake Chelan would hinder economic prosperity to both Chelan and Stehekin.

Another reason the proposed commercial ferry application would be detrimental to the overall financial state of the two small towns is the fact that the owners of the local businesses in Stehekin have refused to provide adequate operations in the winter. The opening of another service, with nothing to do in Stehekin in the off-season would impede with the financial prosperity of both businesses as well as those in Stehekin. Tourism provides substantial profit only in the summer months when the Stehekin businesses are open, because of this, there is no need for a new transportation service.

Colter argues that there has been a gap made in the accommodation of transportation for the tourism industry in Stehekin since the closing of the seaplane service. The closing of the seaplane service did not leave a void in transportation options. The current service provided by the Lake Chelan Boat Company gives tourists and residential commuters a multitude of trip choices that accommodate to the vast variety of year-round scheduling. Because of this, the opening of another ferry service is not necessary.

Those that are in favor of opening a new ferry service simply do not understand the ramifications of the changes that are to come in the existing service. For example, there would be nothing to prevent the Lake Chelan Boat Company from incurring a loss in the off-season. They would have to cut service drastically in order to remain financially stable. The Lake Chelan Boat Company provides Stehekin residents with a multitude of accommodations. Grocery and business freight delivery, personal freight delivery, commuter discounts, mail services and packaging services. A thirty two passenger boat would not be able to provide such accommodations and therefore would impede with existing business. I am confident the right decision will be made by the WUTC and its ability to continue to regulate the services that are provided only by the Lake Chelan Boat Company.

Sincerely,

Ledale S. Fry

Retired Manson Orchardist and Resident of Orondo, Washington

Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc.  
dba Lake Chelan Boat Company / Lady of the Lake  
P.O. Box 186  
Chelan, WA 98816

January 23, 2019

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Public Comments regarding TS-180677 Backcountry Travels LLC ferry application - Opposed

To whom it may concern,

Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. dba Lake Chelan Boat Company submits the following comments in regards to all information submitted to the UTC on behalf of Backcountry Travels, LLC's certificate application under Docket TS-180677. Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. strongly opposes the application.

The decision to drop the protest initially filed was based on the enormous costs (mainly attorney and staff time) involved in a formal protest of this application. LCRI management feels this was a prudent decision based on the costs that would ultimately fall on passengers/public served. The decision was also based on the understanding that this certificate application will still be subject to full scrutiny by the UTC regulations/laws.

**Abbreviations used in this document:**

LCRI - Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc.	LCBC - Lake Chelan Boat Company
BT, LLC - Backcountry Travels, LLC	NPS - National Park Service
F.Pt - Field's Point	NCL - North Cascades Lodge (NPS Concession in Stehekin)
USFS - U.S. Forest Service	

**EXHIBIT A - 1998 Hearing No B-78659 document attached:** We respectfully request that the UTC review James Courtney's certificate request, Hearing No B-78659, S.B.C. Order No 549 dated August 4, 1998. It was a similar request, and the certificate was denied. In 1997, the year this case was based on, the passenger ridership was 10,219 more one-ways than 2018 (or equivalent of 5109.5 round trips), and it was determined then that there was no unmet need for additional commercial passenger service on Lake Chelan.

We suggest that the findings of fact and conclusions should be the same in regards to Backcountry Travels, LLC's application. The most significant of those are:

- Lake Chelan Recreation Inc, dba Lake Chelan Boat Company holds certificate B-34 which authorizes it to provide service between the points proposed for service in Stehekin Boat Service's (Backcountry Travels, LLC's) application.

- Lake Chelan Boat Company has not failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate service to the traveling public on Lake Chelan, nor has it failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs.
- There is no unmet need for commercial passenger service on Lake Chelan. Existing schedules, capacity and quality of service are adequate to satisfy the demonstrated needs of the traveling public. The public convenience and necessity do not require the proposed service.
- Stehekin Boat Service's (Backcountry Travel, LLC's) proposed operations, if approved, would affect adversely Lake Chelan Boat Company's existing operations.

EXHIBIT B - page 9 Hearing No B-78659 S.B.C. Order No. 549, is also similar and significant:

When Stehekin Boat Services (Jim Courtney) proposed they would offer "specialized services" the Commission ruled this was "incorrect". Further, "Stehekin Boat Service seeks to provide service identical in all material respects to the service Lake Chelan Boat Company offers. The facts that Applicant's proposed service offers a different schedule for passenger and light freight transport between identical termini on Lake Chelan and may appeal to only limited segments of the traveling public (i.e., Stehekin residents and overnight guests who stay at Stehekin, according to applicant), rather than to all travelers, does not make it "specialized"."

EXHIBIT C - 2018 Lake Chelan Boat Co - Capacity vs Passenger Count shows that public convenience and necessity does not require the proposed service.

Lake Chelan Boat Company is fulfilling service appropriate for the ridership, and continues to balance providing adequate off-season ferry service while maintaining reasonable year-round fares. Lake Chelan Boat Company has not failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate service or failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs. This 2018 passenger count chart shows that LCBC is providing adequate service. During the highest ridership months (from April through October) when there is the most potential for tourism growth, there is substantial ridership availability.

If ridership increased during low ridership months, LCBC's scheduled days would increase with the demand. Therefore, additional service is not necessary, as there is no substantial unmet need that warrants a duplicating service.

Additionally, if it was determined due to increased opportunities and traffic, or if the UTC felt that LCBC was under serving and additional runs were justified, LCBC would increase its scheduled runs. The manner in which the service is regulated and how the allowed profit margin is determined by the UTC, there is no loss to LCBC for running additional service. If there is an increase in runs that result in financial losses, rates increase. With that said, it is important to note again, running additional losing runs puts a financial burden on the majority of passengers that travel the seven months of April through October (90.24% of traffic). Note: The five months of Nov-March represent 9.76% of the annual traffic.

Per RCW 81.84.020 Backcountry Travels, LLC must show that the existing certificate holder, Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. has failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate service or has failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs: BT, LLC has not.

EXHIBIT D - Analysis of financial affect on LCBC: Analysis of Traffic loss/financial losses to Lake Chelan Boat Company with proposed Backcountry Travels LLC's service.

Per Exhibit D, the loss of passenger income to LCBC would be between \$225,449 and \$283,887. This exhibit shows the negative financial affect BT, LLC's service, which is proposing to serve identical routes with no proof of new customers, would have on LCRI's current service.

If this certificate was granted, it would have a detrimental financial effect on Lake Chelan Boat Company's service and thus on the passenger rates and the schedules LCBC provides now, and would provide in the future. We base this on the fact that BT, LLC provides no proof that their passenger traffic would be "new additional" passengers. Thus, it is based on the control of boat ticket sales through local businesses, residents, and other avenues to take passengers away from Lake Chelan Boat Company.

A list of cabins that have opened since 1999 (52 units) and future possible cabin availability (57 units) does not prove increased ridership. Fifty-two of these units have been available for years and mostly only open during the summer season, thus the renters of those accommodations are current LCBC passengers. The potential 57 units to open in the future have yet to happen. Suggestions that the NPS Concessionaire (NCL) would expand services is an unproven suggestion. To date since 2006, the NCL operation has not proven to expand visitation from November through March, and has even had complete closure periods. They are in a complete closure period at this time, leaving no services at all in Stehekin (January 2019).

**Facts being misstated by BT, LLC, and public comments by poorly informed potential riders**

1. Here are the facts on what is called "severely cuts back ferry schedule" and references that LCBC only runs 3 days per week in the off season or non-peak season.

EXHIBIT H - Lady of the Lake 2018 Year Round Sailing Schedule:

Facts: January 1 - March 31 is the only period that boat service is cut to 3 days per week. This is due to very low ridership and lack of visitor services in Stehekin. At best, NCL opens during boat time for lunch during this time, and that has been intermittent since 2006.

LCRI's published sailing schedule shows substantial service and is as follows:

January 1 - March 31:	Lady Express <b>runs 3 days a week</b> - Capacity 110 (due to weather)
April 1 - April 30:	Lady Express <b>runs 5 days a week</b> - Capacity 130
May - June 15:	Lady of the Lake II <b>runs Daily</b> - Capacity 289 and Lady Express runs <b>Sat, Sun, Mon</b> on Memorial Day Weekend-Increasing total Capacity to 419
June 16-September 22nd:	Lady Express and the Lady of the Lake II <b>run Daily</b> - Capacity total 419
October 16-October 31:	Lady Express <b>runs 5 days a week</b> - Capacity 130

November 1-December 31: Lady Express runs 4 days a week - Capacity 110 (due to weather)

2. Mr. Courtney's statement that travel is currently underserved by the sole provider is not factual, it is his opinion based on people suggesting "they will take advantage of the new services". Further public comments in regards to supporting daily service are based on desire, not on knowledge of what the cost increases would be to them or the viability of BT,LLC's service.

Facts: [EXHIBIT C - 2018 Lake Chelan Boat Co - Capacity vs Passenger Count](#)

3. Mr. Courtney's statement that "We intend to offer a vessel that will substantially reduce travel time across Lake Chelan" and public comments inferring that LCBC service is too slow are not factual.

Facts: LCRI's Lady Express travel time is shorter. The following is departure times from F.Pt to Stehekin for comparison:

BT,LLC proposes (not proven) depart F.Pt 1:00pm, arrive Stehekin 2:45pm = 1 hour 45 minutes  
LCRI Lady Express (June-Sept) depart F.Pt 9:20am, arrive Stehekin 11:00am = 1 hour 40 minutes  
LCRI Lady Express (Nov-Apr) depart F.Pt 10:50am, arrive Stehekin 12:30pm = 1 hour 40 minutes

4. Mr. Courtney's statement "The service currently provided by the Lady of the Lake is geared toward sight-seeing tourists who never leave the boat, freight transportation and summer tourism because the service runs only three days per week during non-peak months", and public comments in this regard are not true.

Facts: The truth is the only time passengers never leave the boat is when they have nothing to do but stand outside the boat in the freezing cold at the Stehekin Landing with nowhere to go. This happens only when NCL in Stehekin closes intermittently during Jan, Feb, March. When this happens LCBC crews allow passengers to stay on board during the layover in Stehekin. This is happening right now. NCL has closed completely for an undetermined time (January of 2019)

During all other times of the year, all passengers leave the boat every day. They take the Rainbow Falls bus tour, the Stehekin Pastry shuttle, rent bicycles/other items from Discovery Bikes and from the Courtney Log Cabin rentals, visit the NPS Golden West Visitor Center and local Craft Shop, visit Karl's Organic Garden, eat at NCL, enjoy short hikes, or simply stroll the Stehekin Valley road, etc.

LCBC serves a wide variety of passenger types, from families and individuals staying overnight at local accommodations/camping, day or long-haul hikers, residents, cabin owners, commuters, etc. LCBC serves all types of passengers to the up lake regions of the lake, including Stehekin. It is not simply a sight-seeing service. However, it should be noted by all who depend on the service, the importance of this segment of the ridership, as they heavily contribute financially to being able to provide the service at the current level and pricing.



5. Mr. Courtney's statement "The decisions as to scheduling made by the Lady of the Lake have caused an unnatural depression of economic prosperity in the Stehekin area which relies heavily on tourism", and public comments made in this regard are far from the truth. LCRI disagrees with the notion that "A second passenger service on Lake Chelan will be a boon to local economy".

Facts: see [EXHIBIT E - Stehekin Business Operations and LCBC Boat Schedule/Capacity](#)

LCRI's sailing schedule provides 5 day a week service into Stehekin in April and from October 16-31. In between those dates daily service is available and most dates two boats run per day. The months of April, May and October are far more lucrative for tourism than November through March. Stehekin businesses have not expanded their tourism industry opportunities during these busy shoulder months, even though it is the time of the year when travel to our region (Chelan area) and Stehekin are still very popular.

The majority of visitors to our area are from the West side of the mountains (WA), which require traveling over mountain passes. During the months of January through March, road and weather conditions greatly affect visitation to Chelan and Stehekin. Enjoyment of the outdoors is much more challenging. Why does BT, LLC think expanding service during the more weather challenging time of the year is so crucial to the Stehekin business owners, when they currently under serve busy season visitors?

Furthermore, the work force in general (potential visitors) have much more flexible work schedules than years ago. Even in our very slowest service months of Jan, Feb, March, a family (party) could go to Stehekin on a Friday, enjoy the beautiful peaceful Stehekin Valley in a cabin or at NCL, and come out on a Monday (as long as they are open and available). Holden Village (Port of Lucerne) operates a very successful business during these month with the current sailing schedule.

LCBC transportation schedules are not the reason Stehekin tourism is not thriving. If Stehekin tourism is to expand, businesses must remain open and advertise.

6. LCRI was able to expand boat services when it held the NPS Concession Contract to operate NCL, because NCL was open year round. This proves LCRI's willingness to expand if passenger counts warrant it.

No concessionaire after 2006 has offered services that warrant continued expanded service. [EXHIBIT F - NPS Document, NCL Frequently Asked Questions](#) explains the closures and reduced NCL contract obligations that occurred after 2006. This is why, and when the boat schedule changes for the timeframe of January through March started. In addition, the current NPS (NCL) Concession Contract does not require more services in this timeframe or the slower season. Mr. Courtney's belief that the NCL restaurant and hotel business will be able to stay open all year long, as it did when the concession was held by the owner of Lake Chelan Boat Company, is not an informed statement. Per [Exhibit F](#), it is noted that in 2008 "Potential bidders commented that the very large operational costs associated with winter operations didn't balance small amount of revenue produced." Therefore, there were no bidders on that prospectus, nor were expanded services required in any future contract or in the current concession contract.

7. BT,LLC's application notes on Item 15 that Mr. Courtney has "No commercial ferry experience."

To LCRI's knowledge he has been a partner or owner in a Stehekin based business that operates horseback trips, and his parents operate Stehekin Valley Ranch with rustic overnight accommodations and meals. What are the parallels between horseback trips or the family business and a commercial ferry service?

8. Public comments indicating that LCBC rates are too expensive: There is a lack of transparency in the public information put out by BT,LLC as some tout LCBC's service as being "too expensive" and looking forward to better prices.

Facts: BT,LLC submitted rates of \$39 per one way, or \$78 round trip. LCBC rates for the same route is \$24 one way or \$40.50 round trip. From June 15-September 22, the Lady Express is the service with the closest comparable and its rates during that time are \$37 one way, or \$61 round trip. Under all scenarios, LCBC's service is less expensive. Regarding commuter packs, a person must only travel 5 round trips in a year (10 one ways) to purchase tickets in their name. If a person does not travel at least 5 round trips per year is it appropriate to get a discount while other riders pay full fare?

9. Comments regarding the inconveniences of living in the remote Stehekin Valley:

There are many comments in regards to the inconvenience of living in Stehekin, and the convenience that a daily year round service would provide to the very small segment of ridership that resides in Stehekin. This is very understandable. Of course daily service would be nice, not sustainable, but nice. Stehekin residents and cabin owners are very fortunate to be able to live in, and visit such a secluded and beautiful place. With that decision comes some inconveniences. Daily service for this segment of ridership should not fall financially on the backs of others (96.2% of the ridership). Stehekin commuter traffic represents approximately 3.8% of the ridership. Currently, of the 116 Stehekin commuter ticket holders, approximately 57 live in the valley full time and 59 do not. Approximately 17 of the 57 who live in the valley full time have second homes in Chelan, Manson or Wenatchee (within 40 miles).

10. Chelan Seaplanes (Float Plane Service) [EXHIBIT G - picture of Chelan Seaplanes website on 1/4/19](#): Chelan Seaplanes lost its port on the lake when Sunset Marina was built in their past location a few years ago. Since that time the owner has been working to secure a Chelan landing area. Lake Chelan waterfront property is extremely expensive and transportation locations are difficult to find. However, Chelan Seaplanes is confident it has a location secured for 2020 and per their website expects to be back operating in 2020.

11. Traveling times: [EXHIBIT I - Chelan Sunrise and Sunset times](#) shows the daylight times, along with LCBC's latest Field's Point departure times and earliest Field's Point arrival (return) times:

Many public comments state that LCBC schedules are not convenient for their needs to travel to the boat for up lake travel and for travel home during daylight hours on their return. LCBC's schedules during the times of the year when 90.24% of passengers travel allow for this.

From April through October when 90.24% of the annual traffic travels, boat departure times from Field's Point range from 9:20am, 9:45am, 10:50am and return times range from 1:45pm, 3:10pm, 4:45pm. During this time of the year, daylight is sufficient to travel, at a minimum, 3 hours away (slightly less in October).

During Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March (9.76% of traffic) F.Pt departure is 10:50am and return is 3:10pm. Both of these are reasonable travel times.

Further, when a person travels to a destination such as Stehekin, it should not be expected to be a daytrip from home to Stehekin, if you live a long distance (such as Oregon) from Field's Pt. If traveling some during hours of dark is required, that is what we all face at times when traveling.

12. Public comments in regards to the boats being full are misleading. We would challenge these statements with providing a date. With two boats running daily from mid-June to late-September, over 400 seats are available each day.

Commuters, residents, late comers, and those who have not pre-purchased tickets during busy times, may be stating their desire to walk up on any day and get on board the Lady Express (not the Lady of the Lake II). LCRI cannot hold (save) seats from the public on the Lady Express each day just in case a commuter, resident, or rider has not planned ahead.

The Lady Express can fill up during the busiest of days, but those planning in advance will secure seats. If they cannot travel on the Lady Express, the Lady of the Lake II holds 289 passengers and is always an option, aside from some years on Memorial Day Weekend (due to group bookings) when it may fill to capacity.

13. Some supporters of BT, LLC's proposal complain of the noisy and workboat type vessels that we operate. We have vessels built for safety above all else, and we receive compliments often about the comfort of our boats. The Lady of the Lake has a 4.5 star rating with both Google and TripAdvisor, with specific compliments about the comfort of the vessels.

**Per RCW 81.84.020 (2)**

**Applicant must prove that they possess adequate financial resources to operate the proposed service for at least one year.**

LCRI is aware that commission staff has determined that BT, LLC passes this test. However, LCRI offers the following concerns in that regard:

Backcountry Travel LLC's application is presented with minimal financial planning, with no recognition of the reduced fares they are proposing for children and commuters. They have not clearly addressed the issues of experienced operators, a backup boat for safety and reliability, an overnight docking facility/fueling/sewage disposal sites (or full costs for those items), and are proposing a sailing schedule that is unrealistic for the demand.

1. BT,LLC calculated all passenger fares at the full adult fare of \$39 one-way. There are no calculations for half fare children rates and 10% discounted commuter rates (a targeted group), nor have reduced rates to Lucerne or other lesser destinations been presented, which has been mandated for LCBC's service. These items should be part of the calculations, which would reduce BT,LLC's income. This would require their passenger counts to be higher, or rates to be higher. Note: Stehekin Commuter passengers are 14.5% November through March, 2.8% April through October, and 3.8% of LCBC annual passengers.

2. LCRI believes the ridership numbers are overstated for the timeframe of November through March based on the number of passengers carried by LCBC during that time of the year. BT,LLC states it used conservative numbers. LCBC's 2018 total passenger count, to all destinations, for the 5 months of Jan, Feb, March, Nov, and Dec was 5,834. BT,LLC is proposing to take 3,016 of those, leaving 2,818 for the LCBC service.

However, more significant is when looking only at Stehekin passengers (the passengers BT,LLC's schedule caters to) during Nov through March, LCBC's 2018 total passenger count was 3,319. With BT,LLC suggesting they will carry 3,016, that would have LCBC running into Stehekin for 5 months to carry a total of 303 passengers (an average of 60.6 total passengers per month).

If this service were allowed, it would be appropriate for LCBC to discontinue running during that time of the year. That would present many issues from all services from Chelan, freight, food, and mail deliveries to name a few.

We suggest that BT,LLC's offer to run daily during this very slow time of the year, and focusing on that timeframe is a way to acquire a certificate. Due to true traffic and viability we believe BT,LLC would move toward only providing service during the profitable time of the year in future years if allowed. Proposing to run daily November through March is unrealistic, even with an increase in traffic, and puts an even higher cost burden on the high season passengers, especially if two services are running. There are approximately 70-80 residents in Stehekin during the timeframe of Nov through March, who travel occasionally. This is the focus of the service BT,LLC is proposing during that time, at least until more visitor opportunities were to occur.

Further, Stehekin commuters represent 14.5% of the traffic November through March (commuter/reduced fare passengers). The concept that commuters want to pay twice as much during that time (BT,LLC's proposed rates) and/or that they will travel more often, thus causing higher counts, is a leap of faith. Stehekin commuters and residents have generally been very price sensitive. LCBC challenges the concept of over-serving a very small segment of users (November through March) at the expense of the majority of passengers who already financially support the service.

3. How were the passenger counts for the 7 months of April through October established? If they are simply numbers of guests and current customers of Courtney businesses (predominantly Cliff Courtney's Stehekin Valley Ranch) and commuters, then BT,LLC is simply taking passengers from LCBC's current service. If BT,LLC's service is allowed, LCBC Passenger numbers would decrease and fares would increase, unless there is an increase in new traffic.

4. What costs have been calculated for back up boat service when the boat experiences breakdowns?

5. The statement is made by BT, LLC that it will use existing facilities owned by local businesses for maintenance, fueling, pumping, servicing and mooring of the vessel. LCRI questions that \$500 a month or \$6000 per year is a sufficient line item for lakeside fuel storage, pumping and moorage not only in Stehekin but fees to the NPS and USFS for use of the docks on the lake that BT, LLC proposes using. LCRI is not sure what "This will further promote local business that already specializes in these services" means. The main (only?) gasoline fueling facility in Stehekin is at NCL. We question that NCL has the capacity to provide fuel for this boat service without putting an undue burden on them. What businesses in Stehekin specialize in maintenance, pumping, servicing and moorage that BT, LLC's service believes it would enhance?

6. What is the experience of the Captain the boat? Have appropriate wages been attached to that experienced staff? We understand that Public Safety is another dimension of regulatory fitness, which goes to the experience of Captains and back up boat abilities to ensure safe passage.

Safety of Passengers, Crew and Vessels: Changes made to the service on Lake Chelan should recognize the importance of assuring safety of the passengers, crew and vessel. Lake Chelan waters can go from very calm, to very stormy quickly and without warning, and can be very dangerous. There are no roads for rescue services to reach vessels in distress, and there are limited areas to safely moor a vessel in the upper reaches of Lake Chelan. The water temperatures are below what a person could tolerate.

Lake Chelan Boat Company operates with the mindset that there is always a vessel at the dock (fueled and ready to go), and/or another vessel on the water running a schedule, that could assist a vessel in distress. All vessels have two operating engines at all times, with an additional working engine in storage for each vessel, to be available if an engine breaks down. This allows LCBC to continue with dependable and safe service. Engines do break down when they are used, so this happens periodically.

We contend that the risks of allowing this service to operate and struggle/fail on the backs of the rates that passengers would ultimately pay for both services is a wrong decision.

**Consequences of jeopardizing the future strength of passenger service on Lake Chelan:**

Backcountry Travels LLC's proposed operations, if approved, would affect adversely Lake Chelan Boat Company's existing operations.

If a smaller service is allowed to pick off current passengers from the larger service just by offering a slightly different schedule, how will the UTC turn down the next applicant that has a slightly different twist on serving the same area? Some examples would be the NPS concessionaire in Stehekin, Holden Village, and Manson. Would history not repeat itself?

It would seem that if the UTC believed Stehekin was being underserved by way of complaints, the need/desire vs. the cost of that need/desire would be analyzed, and if it was determined that more service was justified, LCRI could be asked to fill that need. Rates and schedules would be adjusted, and a strong service would remain in place.

LCBC's level of service requires a significant investment. If Lake Chelan Boat Company's service ceased to exist, a new service provider, of necessary size to meet the demand, would need to purchase very expensive land, an operable dock for all water levels, a facility with storage buildings, an office, parking, a railway car to pull vessels for inspection and repairs, fuel storage and fueling abilities for all water levels, not to mention large commercial vessels to operate the service at the current level. The rates for that service would look entirely different than the service the public enjoys today under the current conditions.

In closing, if over service does occur due to the decisions of the UTC, it would be out of LCRI's control, and LCRI would be forced to follow through appropriately with rate and schedule changes. We hope that those with vision of the past and the future prevail with the correct decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. We request that information in regards to this application continue to be sent to [cindy@ladyofthelake.com](mailto:cindy@ladyofthelake.com) and/or P.O. Box 186, Chelan, WA 98816.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Jack Raines*

Jack Raines, President

Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc.

**EXHIBIT A**

SERVICE DATE

AUG 04 1998

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
	)	HEARING NO. B-78659
JAMES COURTNEY d/b/a STEHEKIN	)	
BOAT SERVICE	)	
	)	S.B.C. ORDER NO. 549
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Operate Vessels in Furnishing	)	COMMISSION DECISION AND
Passenger and Freight Service.	)	ORDER DENYING REVIEW;
	)	AFFIRMING AND ADOPTING
	)	INITIAL ORDER
.....)	)	

**NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** James Courtney, d/b/a Stehekin Boat Service, applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate vessels in furnishing passenger and freight service on Lake Chelan. The authority requested overlaps that held by Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. d/b/a Lake Chelan Boat Company under Certificate No. B-34. Lake Chelan Boat Company protests the application.

**INITIAL ORDER:** Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss entered an Initial Order on June 22, 1998. The Initial Order would deny the application.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:** Stehekin Boat Service seeks administrative review. It asks the Commission to reverse the essential findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Initial Order and to grant Stehekin Boat Service's application.

**COMMISSION:** The Commission denies the Petition for Administrative Review, affirms, and adopts the Initial Order. Stehekin Boat Service failed to carry its burden to show the existing certificate holder, Lake Chelan Boat Company, has failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate service or has failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs. Stehekin Boat Service failed to demonstrate the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Stehekin Boat Service failed to carry its burden to show it has the financial resources to operate the proposed service for at least twelve months. RCW 81.84.020 therefore requires us to deny Stehekin Boat Service's application.

**APPEARANCES:** Michael D. Duppenhaler, Registered Practitioner, Seattle, represents Applicant, Stehekin Boat Service. Kenneth Hobbs, Attorney, Seattle, represents Protestant, Lake Chelan Boat Company. Ann E. Rendahl, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, represents the Commission Staff.

We agree with the Initial Order that this evidence reflects adversely on Applicant's general fitness to provide the proposed service. We do not decide whether this would be an adequate basis, standing alone, to deny the application. That analysis is unnecessary because Stehekin Boat Service otherwise failed to carry its burdens and clear the statutory hurdles for entry to passenger ferry service on Lake Chelan.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 3, 1997, James Courtney d/b/a Stehekin Boat Service filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a commercial ferry service between points on Lake Chelan, Washington.
2. Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. d/b/a Lake Chelan Boat Company holds Certificate No. B-34 which authorizes it to provide service between the points proposed for service in Stehekin Boat Service's application. Lake Chelan Boat Company protested the application on July 28, 1997.
3. Lake Chelan Boat Company has not failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate service to the traveling public on Lake Chelan, nor has it failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs.
4. There is no unmet need for commercial passenger ferry service on Lake Chelan. Existing schedules, capacity, and quality of service are adequate to satisfy the demonstrated needs of the traveling public. The public convenience and necessity do not require the proposed service.
5. Stehekin Boat Service failed to show it has the financial resources to operate the proposed service for at least twelve months or that it otherwise is financially fit and prepared to operate commercial passenger ferry service on Lake Chelan.
6. Stehekin Boat Service's proposed operations, if approved, would affect adversely Lake Chelan Boat Company's existing operations.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this application and the parties pursuant to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 81.84.005, *et seq.*
2. The Commission is not empowered to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Stehekin Boat Service to operate in territory already served by existing certificate holder Lake Chelan Boat Company, because the existing certificate holder neither "has failed or refused to furnish reasonable and adequate



service" nor "has failed to provide the service described in its certificate or tariffs." RCW 81.84.020(1). Stehekin Boat Service's application accordingly must be denied.

3. The Commission must not grant Stehekin Boat Service a certificate for commercial passenger ferry service for the public use for hire between fixed termini or over a regular route upon the waters within Washington State, including Lake Chelan, because Applicant failed to show the public convenience and necessity require the service proposed. RCW 81.84.010.

4. Applicant's failure to demonstrate it is financially fit and financially able to operate the proposed service for at least twelve months requires that the application be denied. RCW 81.84.020(2).

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED That Application No. B-78659 by James Courtney d/b/a Stehekin Boat Service for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate vessels in furnishing passenger and freight service on Lake Chelan, Washington is denied.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 3 day of <sup>August</sup> ~~July~~ 1998.



ANNE LEVINSON, Chair



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:**

This is a final order of the Commission. In addition to judicial review, administrative relief may be available through a petition for reconsideration, filed within 10 days of the service of this order pursuant to RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 480-09-810, or a petition for rehearing pursuant to RCW 80.04.200 or RCW 81.04.200 and WAC 480-09-820(1).

may be constructed at some indefinite future time. This is not substantial competent evidence from which increased demand for passenger ferry service can be inferred.

The balance of Stehekin Boat Service's argument against the Initial Order's third finding of fact and underlying analysis is somewhat less focused. Applicant states the principle that "[w]here the supporting shipper testifies that it is aware of the Protestants [sic] services and they demonstrates [sic] that the applicants [sic] specialized services are better suited to their [sic] requirements it supports that the existing service is not adequate." Petition at 3. Applicant's suggestion that Stehekin Boat Service proposes to offer "specialized services" is incorrect. Stehekin Boat Service seeks to provide service identical in all material respects to the service Lake Chelan Boat Company offers. The facts that Applicant's proposed service offers a different schedule for passenger and light freight transport between identical termini on Lake Chelan and may appeal to only limited segments of the traveling public (i.e., Stehekin residents and overnight guests who stay at Stehekin, according to Applicant), rather than to all travelers, does not make it "specialized." ★

The only distinct service Applicant proposes, compared to what Lake Chelan Boat Company offers, is the year around transportation of pets. Before Stehekin Boat Service filed its application, Lake Chelan Boat Company offered pet transportation only during the off-season.<sup>2</sup> The Initial Order analyzes this point thoroughly. We reexamine the evidence and agree with the Initial Decision that "problems associated with [Lake Chelan Boat Company's] animal shipment policy are infrequent and isolated. Shippers . . . have alternatives . . . . Animals, including pets, can be shipped via barge, tour boat, or float plane on a year around basis . . ."

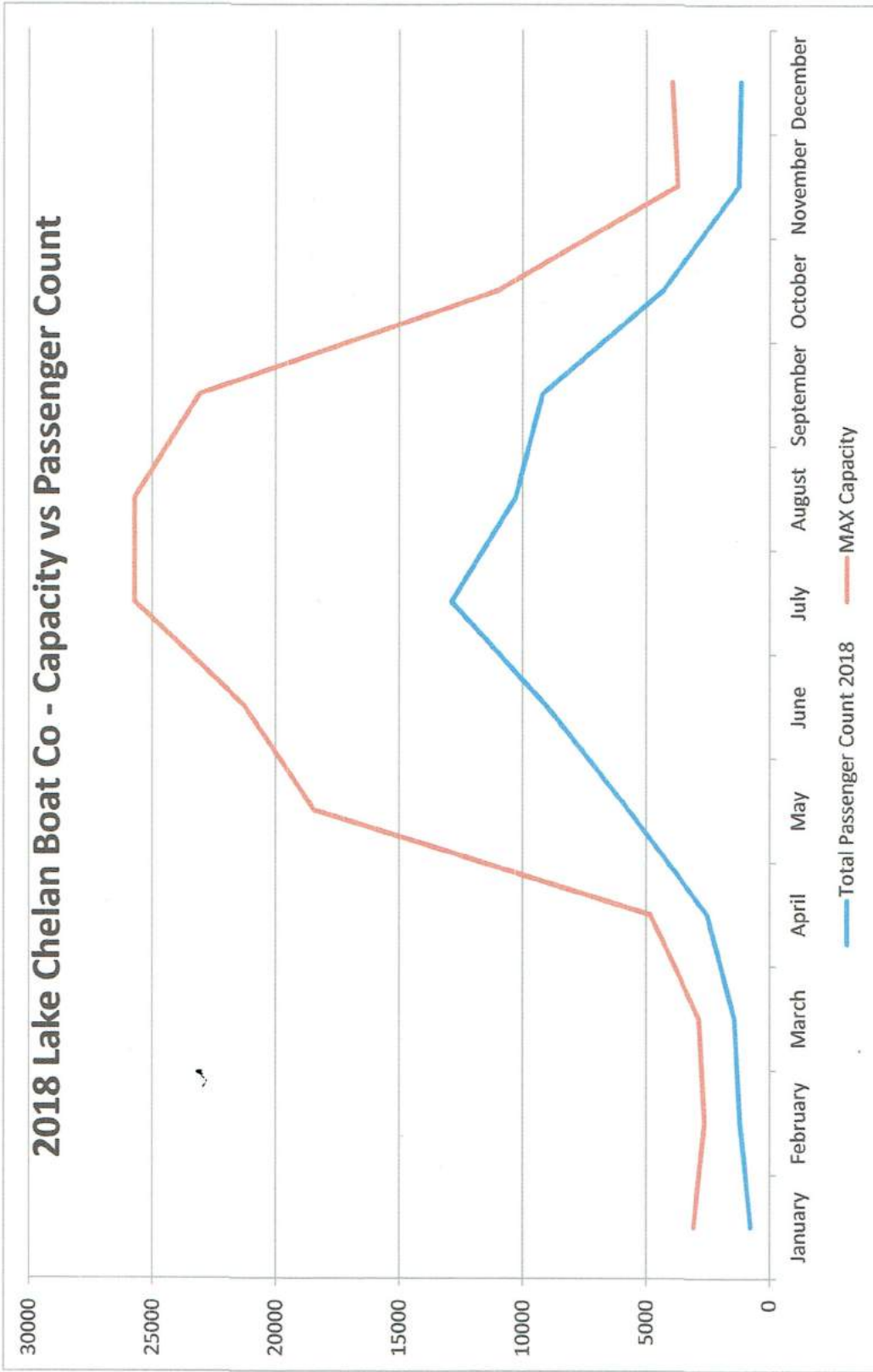
We further agree with the Initial Order that Stehekin Boat Service's willingness to transport pets during the summer months does not make its proposed service "materially different from that presently available in terms of the nature or quality of service." The customer class that might be defined in part by a desire to ship pets during the summer season is not large enough to make that feature of the proposed service consequential to our analysis of the existing service's adequacy. The difference between the two pet policies is particularly a matter of small consequence given that several pet transportation alternatives exist to meet shipper's needs.

The other aspect of Stehekin Boat Service's argument that its supporting shipper witnesses demonstrated "special needs" unfulfilled by Lake Chelan Boat Company relates exclusively to the question of daily schedules. The Initial Order

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<sup>2</sup> We follow our usual practice and do not consider Lake Chelan Boat Company's decision, first announced at hearing, to offer year around pet transportation.

### 2018 Lake Chelan Boat Co - Capacity vs Passenger Count



# EXHIBIT D

## EXHIBIT D - Analysis of financial affect on LCBC

Analysis of Traffic loss/financial losses to Lake Chelan Boat Company with proposed Backcountry Travels LLC service.

### Loss to Lake Chelan Boat Company range between \$225,449. and \$283,887.

Condition: using BT, LLC projected passenger counts

	Passengers lost		Income loss to Current Service LCRI		
	BT, LLC Projected Pass. Count One Way	BT, LLC Counts Converted to Round Trip	LCBC Passenger Round Trip Rate	LCBC Projected Lost Income	
Jan-18	596	298	40.50	12,069.00	
Feb-18	580	290	40.50	11,745.00	
Mar-18	620	310	40.50	12,555.00	
Apr-18	600	300	40.50	12,150.00	
May-18	340	170	40.50	6,885.00	
Jun-18	900	450	61.00	27,450.00	** Stehekin Valley Ranch guests primarily travel
Jul-18	1,240	620	61.00	37,820.00	** on the Lady Express, and the Lady Express
Aug-18	1,240	620	61.00	37,820.00	** is the most comparable, therefore the Lady
Sep-18	1,040	520	61.00	31,720.00	** Express Round Trip rate is used
Oct-18	520	260	40.50	10,530.00	** in June, July, August and September.
Nov-18	600	300	40.50	12,150.00	
Dec-18	620	310	40.50	12,555.00	
	8,896	4,448		225,449.00	
	160	13th month			
	9,056				
	39.00	Rate to any destination			
	<b>353,184.00</b>				Income overstated-no consideration for lesser rates for children, commuters, lesser distances?
	1,900.00				Projected Freight Income (7600 lbs freight at .25 cents per lb)
	<b>355,084.00</b>				TOTAL Projected Income per Back Country Travels, LLC submission to UTC

Condition: changing June, July, Aug. & September passenger counts to the maximum capacity

	Passengers lost		Income loss to Current Service LCRI		
	BT, LLC Projected Pass. Count One Way	BT, LLC Counts Converted to Round Trip	LCBC Passenger Round Trip Rate	LCBC Projected Lost Income	
Jan-18	596	298	40.50	12,069.00	
Feb-18	580	290	40.50	11,745.00	
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Apr-18	600	300	40.50	12,150.00	
May-18	340	170	40.50	6,885.00	
Jun-18	960	480	61.00	29,280.00	** Stehekin Valley Ranch guests primarily travel
Jul-18	1984	992	61.00	60,512.00	** on the Lady Express, and the Lady Express
Aug-18	1984	992	61.00	60,512.00	** is the most comparable, therefore the Lady
Sep-18	1408	704	61.00	42,944.00	** Express Round Trip rate is used
Oct-18	520	260	40.50	10,530.00	** in June, July, August and September.
Nov-18	600	300	40.50	12,150.00	(Maint 5 days) or 6?
Dec-18	620	310	40.50	12,555.00	** 15 days at 32 per day RT or 64 OW = 960
	10,812	5,406		283,887.00	** 31 days at 32 per day RT or 64 OW = 1984
	160	13th month			** 31 days at 32 per day RT or 64 OW = 1984
	10,972				** 22 days at 32 per day RT or 64 OW = 1408
	39.00	Rate to any destination			(Maint 5 days)
	<b>427,908.00</b>				No Thanksgiving
	1,900.00				No Christmas
	<b>429,808.00</b>				
					Projected Freight Income (7600 lbs freight at .25 cents per lb)
	<b>429,808.00</b>				TOTAL Projected Income with higher summer season counts



## NPS Document - NCL Frequently Asked Questions

### **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Stehekin Landing Resort – A Concession Operation within Lake Chelan National Recreation Area**

#### **What is the recent history of the National Park Service's Stehekin concession operation?**

The original concession contract issued in 1994 for the North Cascades Stehekin Lodge (Jack Raines, concessionaire) expired in 1998. The concession then operated on one-year extensions through 2006. These one-year extensions were granted to allow the concessionaire to continue to provide visitor services while the National Park Service (NPS) planned for a new prospectus and contract for concession operations in Stehekin.

In the spring of 2006, Mr. Raines notified the NPS that he would not be renewing his contract via the one-year extensions after the contract expiration date of December 31, 2006.

During the fall of 2006, the NPS entered into negotiations with the current temporary concessionaire, Stehekin Adventure LLC, owned and operated by Cliff and Kerry Courtney and Cragg and Robbie Courtney of Stehekin, to operate the concession facilities on a temporary basis through October 31, 2008. This agreement was reached by a "Sale and Transfer" of Mr. Raines' personal property associated with the business and an assumption of the existing contract by Stehekin Adventure, LLC. This transfer of property and extension of the existing concession contract for 18 months allowed visitor services to continue to be provided from NPS-owned facilities and land assignment while the NPS worked to issue a prospectus for a new 10-year competitive contract. Stehekin Adventure, LLC has been operating the concession for the 2007 and 2008 seasons as Stehekin Landing Resort.

During the term of the temporary contract, work has been done to address deficiencies identified through a condition assessment of the primary Stehekin concession facilities. This assessment was completed by a contractor in June of 2006. The assessment found numerous deficiencies in the facilities resulting from deferred maintenance. Over the last two years the NPS has spent approximately \$1 million in federal funds and worked in partnership with the concessionaire and other contractors to repair these deficiencies, upgrade various components of the facilities, and work to improve overall condition of these buildings and grounds.

A prospectus for a 10-year contract was published in spring of 2008. Although the prospectus was written with careful consideration of the financial feasibility of the current operations, the NPS received no bids.

#### **Why would no one bid on the prospectus?**

The NPS met with the current concessionaire and other parties to better understand why the prospectus received no bids. The NPS learned that businesses interested in the concession contract were concerned with a number of different issues. For example, the NPS was going to require limited lodging, meals and other services to be provided on a year around basis, as was required under the previous contract. Having some basic services during the winter months was a desire expressed by the local community, and previous visitation numbers supported the provision of winter recreational opportunities and services. Potential bidders commented that the very large operational costs associated with winter operations didn't balance small amount of revenue produced. Additionally, visitation in recent years has been changing in response to economic and social dynamics. High operational costs and uncertain visitation could potentially

cause insufficient revenue in the winter months. The combination of required services and uncertain business climate led to decisions to not bid on the contract.

### **What are the next steps?**

The NPS wants people to visit park lands. Stehekin is a gateway for recreational opportunities in North Cascades National Park Service Complex, and the concession provides additional opportunities for people to recreate in the park and experience the uniqueness of the Stehekin Valley. The NPS also recognizes that a concession operation needs to be a viable business opportunity. As a result of the work to date, it is clear the NPS and involved business entities need to develop a better understanding of the types of operations that might be sustainable for a long-term concession contract in Stehekin.

In an effort to gather such information, and develop a long-term contract that is financially feasible, the NPS has worked with the current concessionaire to establish a short-term non-competitive concession contract, which would allow the concessionaire to operate for three years. Currently, the NPS and the concessionaire are still negotiating terms and conditions of this contract.

Under laws and regulations governing NPS concessions, once the concessionaire and park reach an agreement regarding appropriate contract obligations and operational services, a request will be submitted to the Director of the NPS for approval. This is necessary because the contract is not being advertised competitively and three-year contracts are not a standard practice.

### **What is standard for NPS concession contracts?**

Laws governing concession contracts on NPS land and in NPS facilities are required to be competitively awarded. Generally these contracts are granted for ten years. Concessionaires undergo annual evaluations. If performance is determined to be satisfactory, the contract continues to maturity. If performance is determined to be minimal or unsatisfactory, then the contract may be terminated.

Under the contract, the concessionaire has the right to operate their assigned publicly owned buildings, provided they maintain and care for the facilities, provide appropriate approved services, and meet other conditions of the contract

### **If not standard, why consider a short-term non-competitive contract for the Stehekin concession?**

After receiving no bid on the prospectus, additional time is needed to determine how the concession business can be a viable economic opportunity with a reasonable opportunity for profit that will also provide appropriate and excellent visitor services. Because having a concession operation in Stehekin is important to the NPS to support visitor services, this short term non-competitive contract is being considered.

During this three-year term, the NPS will work with the concessionaire to evaluate the sustainability of the concession operation. While over \$1 million in federal funds have been used to improve the Stehekin concession facilities in the last couple of years, work remains to be completed to address deficiencies to the facilities as identified in the 2006 Condition Assessment. The NPS will publish a new prospectus for a competitive ten-year contract with the goal of having the long term contract awarded by December 31, 2011. If, after incorporating

what is learned over the next few years into the long term prospectus, there are no bids, the NPS will evaluate if a viable concession is sustainable in Stehekin.

### **Why did the Stehekin Landing Resort close down on October 31?**

By request of the concession operator, the concession has shut down for the winter and the new contract will start March 1. The reduced operating season is an effort to reduce costs during a time when little revenue is generated. By focusing energy on the main summer season, the Stehekin Landing Resort and the National Park Service will build a sustainable, economically viable, business that provides quality visitor services.

### **What is a NPS concession?**

Stephen T. Mather, first Director of the National Park Service, said

*"Scenery is a hollow enjoyment to the tourist who sets out in the morning after an indigestible breakfast and a fitful night's sleep on an impossible bed."*

Director Mather believed that only well-rested and well-fed visitors would be capable of appreciating the wonders of our national parks. The National Park Service concession remains mindful of this legacy, ensuring that park visitors have access to high quality commercial visitor services at reasonable prices.

Concessionaires fill a vital role in helping the National Park Service carry out its mission. They are allowed to operate publicly owned facilities to offer specific goods and services to park visitors, under contract, which are not provided by National Park Service personnel. By welcoming the private sector as a partner in park operations, the National Park Service broadens the economic base of the region in general and the communities surrounding the parks in particular.

The concession program of the National Park Service administers approximately 600 concession contracts that gross over \$750 million annually. Our concessionaires employ over 25,000 hospitality industry people during peak seasons; providing services ranging from food and lodging to camping supply retail. The National Park Service Concessions Program administers these contracts, including monitoring the performance of concessionaires.



## Stehekin Landing Resort - 2009 Schedule of Operations

### LODGING

Early Spring	April 3 - April 30	Housekeeping Units	Lakehouse Only
Spring	May 1 - June 18	Housekeeping Units	Units #1-4, #7 and the Lakehouse available daily
		Standard Rooms	limited weekends only (includes Unit #28)
Summer	June 19 - September 28	All units available	
Early Fall	September 29 - October 12	Housekeeping Units	Units #1-4, #7 and Lakehouse available daily;
		Standard Rooms	limited weekends only (includes Unit #28)
Late Fall	October 13-October 31	Housekeeping Units	Units #1-4, #7 and the Lakehouse available daily

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Early Spring	April 3 - April 30	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch only; based on boat schedule
Spring	May 1 - June 18	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch only; based on boat schedule
		All Meals Served (limited hours)	3 meal provided daily when standard rooms are rented; limited hours or single seating
Summer	June 19 - September 28	All meals served	3 meals daily with extended hours
Fall	September 29 - October 12	All meals served	3 meals daily; limited hrs/single seating
Late Fall	October 13-October 31	11:30-1:30 pm	Lunch only; based on boat schedule

### RETAIL

Early Spring	April 3 - April 30	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Based on boat schedule; sales from restaurant
Spring	May 1 - June 18	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Based on boat schedule; sales from restaurant or store
		Additional Hours	As needed; sales from restaurant or store. On-call service available.
Summer	June 19 - September 28	Reg Business Hrs	All sales from the store; on-call services available after hours
Fall	September 29 - October 12	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Based on boat schedule; sales from restaurant or store
		Additional Hours	As needed; sales from restaurant or store. On-call service available.
Late Fall	October 12 - October 31	11:30-1:30 pm	Sales from Restaurant or store; On-call service available.

### RAINBOW FALLS TOURS

Spring and Fall	April 3 - May 31; October 1 - October 31	One Trip Daily	Provided on all days the LCBC vessel is docked in Stehekin
		Two Trips Daily	On weekends when both LCBC vessels are docked in Stehekin
Summer	June 1 - September 30	Full operation	Based on arrival schedules for LCBC vessels (Lady II & Lady Express)

### VALLEY SHUTTLE

Spring	May 22-25 (Memorial Weekend)	Reduced Services	Fri. ( 2 runs); Sat. (4 runs); Sun. (4 runs); Mon. (2 runs)
	May 15-June 18 (Other Weekends)	Reduced Services	Friday ( 2 runs); Saturday (4 runs); Sunday (2 runs)
Summer	June 19 - October 7	Taxi and Rental Vehicles	Available by reservation
		4x daily	All days
Fall	October 8 - October 12	Taxi and Rental Vehicles	Available by reservation
		Reduced Services	2 runs daily; taxi and rental car services are also available
Late Fall	October 12 - October 31	Taxi and Rental Vehicles	Available by reservation

### PUBLIC SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

	May 1 - October 31	Shower and laundry both open
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### MARINA FUEL

	May 1 - October 31	Based on Restaurant and Store hours
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For more information on schedules and services, please contact:

Lake Chelan Boat Company  
<http://www.ladyofthelake.com> or 509/682-2224

Stehekin Landing Resort  
<http://stehekinlanding.com> or 509/682-4494

North Cascades National Park (Golden West Visitor Center, Stehekin)  
<http://www.nps.gov/NOCA> or 360/854-7365, ext. 14

SCHEDULES ~ CHELAN TOURS ([HTTP://WWW.CHELANSEAPLANES.COM/TOURS/](http://www.chelanseaplanes.com/tours/))



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We are presently working on resuming service at a new very near by location. Our hopes are to resume service as soon as we are able which is looking like 2020.

We are very excited about the opportunity to get the seaplane service on the lake back up and running! If you are interested in charter service between Seattle and downtown Chelan or Stehekin, try our sister company Northwest Seaplanes (<http://www.nwseaplanes.com>).

Feel free to submit your email address to stay informed on our future progress for restoring the seaplane service on the lake.

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## Chelan Seaplanes returning

# Lady of the Lake

## 2018 Sailing Schedule

### Lady of the Lake II YEAR ROUND Summer Schedule

May 1st - October 15th - DAILY

Leave Lake Chelan Boat Co Dock ..... 8:30 am  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 9:45 am  
 \*Prince Creek ..... 11:00 am  
 Lucerne (Port of Holden Village) ..... 11:45 am  
 \*Moore Point ..... 12:15 pm  
 Arrive in Stehekin ..... 12:30 pm  
*90 minute Layover in Stehekin*

Leave Stehekin ..... 2:00 pm  
 \*Moore Point ..... 2:15 pm  
 Lucerne (Port of Holden Village) ..... 2:30 pm  
 \*Prince Creek ..... 3:15 pm  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 4:45 pm  
 Arrive in Chelan ..... 6:00 pm  
 \*Flag stop only when landing is safe.

RATES BETWEEN:	<u>One Way</u>	<u>R/T</u>
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Stehekin	\$24.00	\$40.50
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Lucerne	\$22.25	\$35.75

*Children age 2 through 11 half fare - under 2 ride free*

### Summer Combo Trip - \$61 3 Hour Layover in Stehekin

Travel on the "Lady Express" to Stehekin & return on the "Lady of the Lake II."

<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Run days</u>
Memorial Day Weekend	Sat, Sun, Mon
June 15-Sept 15	Daily

(this option is available when both boats are running)

You'll have time to take the Rainbow Falls Tour and have lunch in Stehekin.

-or-

You can rent bikes and ride along the valley road to Rainbow Falls (3.5 miles).

Tour on your own and stop at the historical sites along the way, including the one-room School House and Buckner Orchard.

Not to mention, you would be biking past the Stehekin Pastry Company, where you could stop in for a pastry or lunch!

### Lady Express Summer Schedule

Memorial Day Weekend (Sat-Sun-Mon) and June 15 through Sept. 22 - DAILY

*The Lady Express cannot make flag stops*

Leave Lake Chelan Boat Co Dock ..... 8:30 am  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 9:20 am  
 Arrive in Stehekin ..... 11:00 am  
*60 minute Layover in Stehekin*

Leave Stehekin ..... 12:00 pm  
 Lucerne (Port of Holden Village) ..... 12:20 pm  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 1:45 pm  
 Arrive in Chelan ..... 2:45 pm

RATES BETWEEN:	<u>One Way</u>	<u>R/T</u>
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Stehekin	\$37.00	\$61.00
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Lucerne	\$34.50	N/A

*Children age 2 through 11 half fare - under 2 ride free*

### "Lady Express" Off Season Schedule

<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Run days</u>
Jan 1-Mar 31	Mon, Wed, Fri
Apr 1-Apr 30	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun
Oct 16-Oct 31	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun
Nov 1-Dec 31	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

*(No Service on Christmas Day)*

Leave Lake Chelan Boat Co Dock ..... 10:00 am  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 10:50 am  
 Lucerne (Port of Holden Village) ..... 12:00 pm  
 Arrive in Stehekin ..... 12:30 pm  
*Approx. 60 minute Layover in Stehekin*

Leave Stehekin ..... promptly at 1:30 pm  
 Lucerne (Port of Holden Village) ..... \*1:50 pm  
 Field's Point Landing ..... 3:10 pm  
 Arrive in Chelan ..... 4:00 pm

RATES BETWEEN:	<u>One Way</u>	<u>R/T</u>
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Stehekin	\$24.00	\$40.50
Chelan/Field's Pt. & Lucerne	\$22.25	\$35.75

*Children age 2 through 11 half fare - under 2 ride free*  
 \*The down lake Lucerne stop, at 1:50 p.m., is designated as a flag stop. A stop is always made when passengers are present at the landing area.

For additional information including Freight Charges and Charter Costs - see [www.LadyoftheLake.com](http://www.LadyoftheLake.com)  
 IMPORTANT NOTE: Schedule and rates subject to change without notice. --Delays in schedule may occur during peak season and holidays.

## EXHIBIT I - Chelan Sunrise and Sunset times

Chelan Sunrise, Sunset times: noting LCBC's latest Field's Point departure times and earliest arrival times

	Sun Rise	Latest time to leave F.Pt	Earliest arrival to F.PT	Sun Set	
1-Apr	6:39am	10:50am	3:10pm	7:30pm	
1-May	5:43am	9:45am	4:45pm	8:13pm	
1-Jun	5:06am	9:45am	1:45pm	8:51pm	
1-Jul	5:05am	9:45am	1:45pm	9:02pm	
1-Aug	5:37am	9:45am	1:45pm	8:35pm	
1-Sep	6:18am	9:45am	1:45pm	7:41pm	
1-Oct	6:59am	9:45am	4:45pm	6:40pm	
1-Nov	6:44am	10:50am	3:10pm	4:42pm	Nov. 3rd Daylight savings time ends
1-Dec	7:28am	10:50am	3:10pm	4:10pm	
1-Jan	7:49am	10:50am	3:10pm	4:18pm	
1-Feb	7:27am	10:50am	3:10pm	5:00pm	
1-Mar	7:42am	10:50am	3:10pm	6:45pm	March 10th Daylight savings time starts

Pacific Standard Time  
*90% traffic*

Day	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		Apr.		May		June		July		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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02	0749	1619	0726	1702	0639	1746	0537	1831	0441	1914	0405	1952	0406	2002	0438	1934	0519	1839	0600	1737	0646	1641	0729	1609
03	0749	1620	0725	1704	0637	1748	0535	1833	0439	1915	0404	1953	0407	2002	0439	1932	0521	1837	0602	1735	0648	1639	0730	1609
04	0749	1621	0723	1705	0635	1749	0533	1834	0438	1917	0404	1953	0407	2001	0441	1931	0522	1835	0603	1733	0649	1638	0732	1609
05	0749	1622	0722	1707	0633	1751	0531	1836	0436	1918	0403	1954	0408	2001	0442	1929	0524	1833	0605	1731	0651	1636	0733	1608
06	0749	1624	0720	1708	0631	1752	0529	1837	0435	1920	0403	1955	0409	2001	0443	1928	0525	1831	0606	1729	0652	1635	0734	1608
07	0748	1625	0719	1710	0629	1754	0527	1839	0433	1921	0402	1956	0410	2000	0445	1926	0526	1829	0607	1727	0654	1633	0735	1608
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31	0729	1659	0637	1746	0541	1829	0441	1912	0406	1950	0406	2002	0435	1937	0517	1843	0559	1741	0643	1644	0728	1611	0749	1617

Add one hour for daylight time, if and when in use.