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March 22, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
(Set for April 22, 2019, at 9 a.m. in Chelan, WA)

and

NOTICE OF HEARING
(Set for April 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in Chelan, WA)

RE: *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Backcountry Travels LLC*
Docket TS-180677

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

At the prehearing conference on November 19, 2018, Backcountry Travels, LLC (Backcountry or Applicant), Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc. (LCRI),¹ and Commission staff (Staff) (collectively Parties) submitted an agreed procedural schedule.

On November 21, 2018, the Commission entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order, which adopted the Parties' agreed procedural schedule and set an evidentiary hearing for April 22, 2019, at the Commission's headquarters in Olympia, Washington.

The Commission determines that it is appropriate to hold a public comment hearing in this matter to take additional input from the public regarding whether the public convenience and necessity requires the Applicant's proposed service. To facilitate public involvement in the area of the state most impacted by the issues in this case, the Commission finds it appropriate to hold the public comment hearing in Chelan, Washington.

The Commission now establishes a location in Chelan, Washington for both the public comment hearing and the evidentiary hearing.

¹ On January 10, 2019, the Commission granted LCRI's request to withdraw its protest, withdraw as a party, and allow the withdrawal of its legal counsel from this proceeding.

Additionally, as the evidentiary hearing is already scheduled for April 22, 2019, the Commission finds it appropriate to hold the public comment hearing on the same date. This requires, and the Commission finds it appropriate, to move the evidentiary hearing to Chelan, Washington.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that a public comment hearing in this matter will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Campbell's Resort Ballroom located at 104 W Woodin Ave, Chelan, Washington 98816. The Commission will accept written comments until the record in this proceeding is closed.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE that the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for April 22, 2019, in Olympia at the Commission, is moved to Monday, April 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in Chelan, Washington at the Campbell's Resort Ballroom located at 104 W Woodin Ave, Chelan, Washington 98816. The Parties to this proceeding should be prepared to offer any additional testimony and exhibits they may have, including evidence showing the economic viability of an additional commercial ferry operator on Lake Chelan.

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge