

Agenda Date: December 12, 2013
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Docket: TC-132127
Company Name: BML Investments, LLC
dba Wenatchee Valley Shuttle

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Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing the proposed rates filed on November 13, 2013, as revised on November 27, 2013, to become effective December 13, 2013, by operation of law.

Discussion

On November 13, 2013, BML Investments LLC dba Wenatchee Valley Shuttle (BML or company), filed Tariff No. 2 with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) that would generate approximately \$30,000 (15.9 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed increase is prompted by increased expenses including payroll, maintenance, gas, and insurance. The company began operations in April 2012 and this is its first general rate increase. The company provides service to and from SeaTac International Airport for approximately 3,400 passengers annually in Douglas County.

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents. The company and staff have agreed to a revised revenue requirement of approximately \$15,000 (9.4 percent) additional annual revenue, based on a 92.6 operating ratio. On November 27, 2013, the company filed revised pages at staff recommended levels. One-way fares will increase from \$39.95 to \$41.52 (3.9 percent) and round-trip fares will increase from \$69.95 to \$83.04 (18.7 percent). Staff advised the company of the flexible fare rule and filing process.

Customer Comments

On November 13, 2013, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase on their website. On November, 15, 2013, a notice was posted inside both Wenatchee Valley Shuttle vehicles. The company has no public building or customer location for additional posting of the notice. No customer comments have been received on the filing.

Customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the commission's website.

Conclusion

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