

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Joint Application for authority to transfer all rights under certificate of public convenience and necessity C-1077 from:

SEATAC SHUTTLE, LLC,  
d/b/a WHIDBEY SEATAC SHUTTLE,

to:

THE ROCK TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES CORPORATION

DOCKET TC-190087

ORDER 01

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On February 8, 2019, SeaTac Shuttle, LLC, d/b/a Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle (SeaTac Shuttle), and The Rock Transportation Services Corporation (TRTSC) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a joint application (Joint Application) for authority to transfer all rights under certificate of public convenience and necessity C-1077 (Certificate C-1077) from SeaTac Shuttle to TRTSC pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-141(2).
- 2 Commission Staff has evaluated the Joint Application and recommends the Commission approve it. Staff's review shows that TRTSC has sufficiently demonstrated that it has the knowledge, experience, and resources to provide all services necessary under Certificate C-1077, and that it is fit, willing, and able to comply with state law and the requirements of chapter 480-30 WAC.

**DISCUSSION**

- 3 RCW 81.68.040 provides that auto transportation companies must apply for and obtain from the Commission a certificate declaring that the public convenience and necessity require their proposed operations. The statute also requires the Commission to authorize any transfer or sale of an existing auto transportation certificate. WAC 480-30-126 requires that the applicant purchaser have the knowledge, experience, and resources to provide the existing service, and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to comply with state law and Commission rules.

4 We agree with Staff's recommendation and approve the Joint Application. First, TRTSC states in the Joint Application that it will adopt SeaTac Shuttle's existing tariff, and that it will retain all of SeaTac Shuttle's current managers and employees. Accordingly, we are satisfied that TRTSC has the knowledge, experience, and resources to provide the existing service, and that it is fit, willing, and able to comply with state law and Commission rules.

5 Second, no person objected to the Joint Application. As such, we find that the public convenience and necessity continue to require the operations described in Certificate C-1077.

6 In light of these factors, we conclude that the proposed transfer of all rights from SeaTac Shuttle to TRTSC is consistent with the public interest.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including auto transportation carriers.
- 8 (2) SeaTac Shuttle is an auto transportation company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2019.
- 10 (4) Under RCW 81.68.040 and WAC 480-30-141(1), the Commission must approve any sale of an auto transportation company's certificate.
- 11 (5) WAC 480-30-141(2) requires parties to a transaction to file jointly an application with the Commission to obtain approval of any sale, assignment, lease, transfer, or mortgage of an existing auto transportation certificate.
- 12 (6) On February 8, 2019, SeaTac Shuttle and TRTSC filed with the Commission a Joint Application for authority to transfer all rights under Certificate C-1077 from SeaTac Shuttle to TRTSC.

- 13 (7) After reviewing the Joint Application and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed transfer of all rights under Certificate C-1077 from SeaTac Shuttle to TRTSC is consistent with the public interest, and concludes that the Joint Application should be approved.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 14 (1) The Joint Application filed in Docket TC-190087 to transfer all rights in the state of Washington from SeaTac Shuttle LLC, d/b/a Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle, to The Rock Transportation Services Corporation, is approved.
- 15 (2) Certificate of public convenience and necessity C-1077 is reissued to The Rock Transportation Services Corporation, as described in the attached Appendix A.
- 16 (3) Granting authority for the transfer of rights under a certificate does not necessarily approve the amount involved in the transaction, nor does it bind the Commission to recognize the amount in placing a value for rate-making purposes on the property of the certificate holder.
- 17 (4) The tariff and time schedule for The Rock Transportation Services Corporation, filed in connection with this Joint Application, will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the service date of this Order.

The Commission has delegated authority to the Secretary to enter this Order under RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-905(6)(c).

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective March 14, 2019.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary**

**APPENDIX A**

SeaTac Shuttle, LLC  
PO Box 2895  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Cert No.  
C-1077

**AUTO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** by reservation only:

**BETWEEN:** Whidbey Island and Seattle.

**CLOSED DOOR SERVICE BETWEEN:** Seattle and the SeaTac International Airport. No passengers may be transported between points in Seattle and SeaTac International Airport.

**PASSENGER SERVICE** by reservation only:

**AIRPORTER PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN:** Whidbey Island and SeaTac International Airport via Deception Pass or the Clinton Ferry; Door to door service in conjunction with the above route; Oak Harbor and Lupien Field.

**AUTO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** by reservation only:

**BETWEEN:** Oak Harbor and Coupeville; Coupeville and the Keystone Ferry; Langley and Clinton.

**BETWEEN:** Oak Harbor and hotels and motels within a 1-mile radius and hotels and motels within a 1-mile radius of the SeaTac International Airport.

**CLOSED DOOR SERVICE:** BETWEEN Deception Pass and SeaTac International Airport and BETWEEN the Clinton Ferry and SeaTac International Airport.

**SCHEDULED PASSENGER SERVICE** by reservation only:

**AIRPORTER PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN:** Whidbey Island and Paine Field Airport.

**CLOSED DOOR SERVICE BETWEEN:** Deception Pass and Paine Field and BETWEEN the Clinton Ferry and Paine Field.

**NOTE:** Nothing in this certificate authorizes transportation between SeaTac International Airport and hotels and motels within a 1-mile radius of SeaTac.