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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Ride the Ducks of Seattle, LLC*, Docket TE-151906

TO ALL PARTIES:

On September 28, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Notice of Emergency Adjudication and Order Suspending Certificate (Order 01). Order 01 suspended Certificate No. ES-00146 to operate and provide excursion services held by Ride the Ducks of Seattle, LLC d/b/a Seattle Duck Tours (Ride the Ducks or Company) pending the results of a Commission staff (Staff) investigation and inspection of Ride the Ducks' entire fleet of vehicles, drivers, and operations.

On September 29, 2015, Staff filed a complaint alleging that Ride the Ducks has operated at least one of its vehicles in an unsafe manner and has violated state and federal safety regulations. The adjudication the Commission initiated with the complaint is related to, but separate from, the emergency adjudication.

Staff filed its investigation report on December 15, 2015. Staff found that Ride the Ducks committed multiple violations of state and federal law and recommended that the Commission permit the Company to resume operations on a limited basis and take several actions to remedy the violations.

On December 21, 2015, the Commission held an evidentiary hearing as part of the emergency adjudication to determine whether to continue the suspension of Ride the Ducks' Certificate. On December 22, 2015, the Commission entered Order 05, Order Approving

Joint Stipulation, Lifting Suspension on Provision of Excursion Service Using “Truck Ducks,” and Continuing Suspension on Use of “Stretch Ducks.”

The Commission provides notice that it will convene a prehearing conference for the purpose of proceeding with adjudication of the complaint.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will conduct a prehearing conference to address scheduling and other procedural issues for adjudicating the complaint against Ride the Ducks on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge