Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

RE: Backcountry Adventures application for ferry service, Case 180677

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To Whom It May Concern, This is follow-up testimony in support of Backcountry Travels application for ferry service of Chalan Chelan.

As Stehekin residents and business owners we can see advantages to a Stehekin based ferry service. Departures from Stehekin in the mornings would be helpful for our guests that are traveling home (90% of our guests are from the Seattle area) or to further destinations, to make connections with other modes of travel. The reverse holds true too, as it will allow a person more time to travel from the Seattle area to the Lake Chelan area. When the float plane service closed, we lost the ability to get in and out of Stehekin easily. As owners of two tourist-based businesses, Stehekin Pastry Company and Stehekin Log Cabins, we hope that an additional service would help more people get to and from Stehekin in a less stressful way. Personally, my husband and I were both frequent flyers when the air service was running, and would appreciate an additional option, to be able to get back and forth from Stehekin to Chelan.

We all know that Lake Chelan Boat Company is in the process of being sold. This seems to be an awkward time for a new service to come online with the sale of the LC Boat Co. Although it may be risky for those involved, we think that Stehekin businesses will do their best to support both services. We also hope that having more transportation to and from Stehekin, will be good for Stehekin residents, businesses and tourists.

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