

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Joint Application to transfer full rights under certificate of public convenience and necessity from:

BACKCOUNTRY TRAVELS LLC d/b/a STEHEKIN FERRY, (CERTIFICATE BC068772)

to:

BACKCOUNTRY TRAVELS LLC d/b/a STEHEKIN FERRY

DOCKET TS-250098

ORDER 01

GRANTING TRANSFER APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE BC068772, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND

1 On February 19, 2025, Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry (Backcountry Travels LLC or Company), filed a joint application in Docket TS-250098 (Joint Application) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to transfer the full rights of ownership under certificate of public convenience and necessity BC068772 (certificate BC068772) from Lyndsey Courtney, Colter Courtney, Clifford Courtney, and Kerry Courtney to Brun Garfoot (Garfoot) and Reed Courtney (Courtney) current owners of Discover Lake Chelan LLC.:

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN:

Stehekin Dock and Field Point Landing with flag stops by reservation only at Lucerne, Prince Creek and Public and Private Docks on Lake Chelan.

2 Certificate BC068772 is held by Backcountry Travels LLC and authorizes commercial ferry passenger and freight services as described in the certificate.

3 Garfoot and Courtney currently hold certificate BC000034 for Discover Lake Chelan LLC d/b/a Lake Chelan Boat Company. The transfer of certificate BC068772 is strictly an ownership change of the entire company.

4 The application appeared on March 3, 2025, application docket. Interested parties were notified of the application to give them an opportunity to express their views. The application was not protested.

5 On April 4, 2025, current owner, Colter Courtney filed a letter with the Commission in
6 favor of the ownership transfer for certificate BC000034.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6 The Commission grants the Joint Application, which was not protested by any other
commercial ferry companies. Pursuant to RCW 81.84.030 stipulates “No certificate or
any right or privilege thereunder held, owned, or obtained under the provisions of this
chapter shall be sold, assigned, leased, mortgaged, or in any manner transferred, either by
the act of the parties or by operation of law, except upon authorization by the commission
first obtained.”

7 The parties to this docket have properly filed a joint application as required by WAC 480-
51-030.

8 The Commission, having considered the application and being fully advised, finds that
Garfoot and Courtney of Discover Lake Chelan LLC are fit, willing and able to furnish
the transfer of rights under certificate BC068772, and that the transfer of ownership under
certificate BC068772 will not be detrimental to the public interest. The Commission also
finds that Garfoot and Courtney are fit, willing, and able to furnish the transferred service
and that the transferred service continues to be necessary and a convenience to the public.
Accordingly, the Commission finds it should grant the application, subject to the
following conditions:

1. Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry, shall comply with
81.84 RCW and 480-51 WAC in addition to rules prescribed by the
Commission for public service companies in general, and
2. Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry ownership must
comply with Commission investigations in a timely manner.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

9 (1) The Joint Application filed in this docket to transfer full rights under certificate of
public convenience and necessity BC068772 and Commission record of
ownership from Lyndsey Courtney, Colter Courtney, Clifford Courtney, and
Kerry Courtney to Brun Garfoot and Reed Courtney is granted, subject to the

conditions in paragraph 8 of this Order.

- 10 (2) Certificate BC068772 is reissued to Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin
Ferry, as set forth in attached Appendix A.
- 11 (3) The tariff adopted in connection with this Joint Application will become effective
at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the service date of this Order.
- 12 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter, Backcountry Travels
LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 13 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public
interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 25, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Acting Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.

APPENDIX A

Backcountry Travels LLC
d/b/a Stehekin Ferry
Po Box 308
Stehekin, WA 98852

**CERT. NO.
BC068772**

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN:

Stehekin Dock and Field Point Landing with flag stops by reservation only at Lucerne,
Prince Creek and Public and Private Docks on Lake Chelan.

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April 24, 2025