

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Petition Requesting)	
Temporary Discontinuance of Service)	DOCKET TC-011119
Authorized Under a Certificate of)	
Public Convenience and Necessity)	SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER GRANTING
by)	TEMPORARY
)	DISCONTINUANCE OF
)	SERVICE AUTHORIZED
Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033)	UNDER CERTIFICATE,
.....)	WITH CONDITIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 8, 2001, Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, (Genie) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission a petition requesting Genie be allowed to temporarily discontinue service to some of the points authorized by Genie's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This petition was filed under the provisions of WAC 480-30-060(8).
- 2 Genie currently holds a certificate to provide passenger and express service between:
- (1) Walla Walla and Seattle with intermediate stops in Richland and Yakima;
 - (2) Between Seattle and Clarkston with intermediate stops using I-5 to I-90 to I-82 to I-182 to Highway 12; and
 - (3) Seattle and Pullman with intermediate stops via I-5 to I-90 to I-82 to I-182 to Highway 12 to Highway 127 to Highway 26 to Highway 195.
- 3 Genie states in its petition that it has lost its grant-based funding and is therefore operating at a loss. Genie is seeking additional funding sources, but until it has located such funding it wishes to temporarily discontinue service to Clarkston, Pullman, and Sunnyside. Those locations are operating at a loss, and continuing to serve them will be injurious to the viability of the company as a whole.
- 4 Pursuant to review of the petition, its accompanying documentation, and Staff investigation, the Commission finds that granting a temporary discontinuance of service at this time is warranted. The Commission also finds, however, that the

period of discontinuance should be limited to six months. Genie may request an extension of the discontinuance should circumstances continue to support such action.

5 It will be Genie's responsibility to apply to the Commission for extension at least 30 days before the expiration of the temporary discontinuance authorized herein. That filing must be accompanied by data that details the progress made in seeking and obtaining additional funding and other information pertinent to the Commission's rendering of a decision on granting an extension. Additional information may be requested by Commission Staff upon receipt of any petition for an extension.

6 Further, the Commission will impose a condition that provides for passenger service should an immediate and emergent need arise. Under this condition, should an immediate need arise for auto transportation service, Genie must be prepared to resume service to meet those needs. If Genie cannot, or will not, resume service, the Commission will then institute proceedings to cancel Genie's certificate and to grant authority to another carrier who is prepared to meet the needs of the traveling public.

7 The Commission, being fully advised, grants the temporary discontinuance of service requested by Genie Service Company, Inc., subject to the conditions described, and directs the Secretary to enter the following order.

ORDER

8 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Genie Service Company, Inc., may discontinue service authorized under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, C-1033, to the points of Clarkston, Pullman, and Sunnyside.
- 10 (2) The temporary discontinuance of service may begin on October 25, 2001, and will expire on April 25, 2002.
- 11 (3) Genie Service Company, Inc., may apply for an extension to this temporary discontinuance by filing a new petition with the Commission at least 30 days before the expiration of the discontinuance authorized herein. The petition must be accompanied by information justifying the extension.
- 12 (4) This temporary discontinuance is granted subject to the condition that should an immediate need arise for auto transportation service to and/or from the points of Clarkston, Pullman, and Sunnyside, Genie must be prepared to resume service to meet those needs. If Genie cannot, or will not, resume service, the Commission will then institute proceedings to cancel Genie's

certificate and to grant authority to another carrier who is prepared to meet the needs of the traveling public.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of October, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner