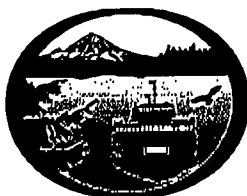


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June 11, 2007

Washington State Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attn: David C. Gomez

Dear Mr. Gomez,

As chairman of the Kingston Chamber's passenger ferry committee, I am writing to express both the committees' and the Chamber's support for Aqua Express to be granted the renewal of the rights certificate for the Kingston - Seattle passenger ferry route.

Included is a copy of "Kingston's Quest for a Fast-foot Ferry". Items 1, 2, 8, 9, 12 and 17 are examples showing the wide community support for this service. This document also indicates the stages our community has experienced - "highs" and "lows".

Because of our ten-year experience we understand that a joint effort by Aqua Express, Kitsap Transit, and the Port of Kingston is the way this route should be operated. By having these three entities working together Kingston then has a docking facility and the upland parking in place. Losing either the docking space or the parking would just create a future huge expense. Going through the permitting process again would be arduous.

We strongly support Aqua Express and Kitsap Transit's efforts: Aqua Express with the support of the Port of Kingston and Kitsap Transit is the obvious and best choice for the route.

I would like to request time to speak at the June 14 prehearing.

Sincerely,

Tom Waggoner, Chairman  
Kingston Chamber Ferry Committee

Encl: Kingston's Quest for a Fast-foot Ferry

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## Kingston's Quest for a Fast-foot Ferry

(1) Sept. - 1997

Demonstration Day - "Clipper III"

4 - Round-trips to Seattle, 1 - Round-trip to Everett Homeport

**1000 tickets sold within 1½ weeks**

(2) 1998

Round trip to Olympia on "Clipper III"

200 people lobby legislators

3. Feb. 18, 1998

Kingston - Seattle Foot Ferry passes Senate 25 - 24

4. March 7, 1998

Headline: "Kingston Foot Ferry Bill Sweeps House Vote 90 - 7"

5. March 26, 1998

Headline: "Governor To Sign Ferry Bill"

6. 1998

Ferry Funding Lost - Int. #695

7. 2000

Surveys by both King Community News and Clipper Navigation show strong community support

(8) Sept. 2000

Event Trip - Mariners' game - Clipper II & III

2 - Round-trips to Seattle

**400 Tickets sold**

Parking - Port of Kingston - downtown availability

(9) Sept. 2000

Event Trip - Run For The Race to the Cure - "Clipper III"

1 - Round-trip to Seattle

**186 Tickets sold**

Parking - Port of Kingston

10. March 10, 2001

Headline: "Clipper Seeks Kingston Foot Ferry Route"

'Seattle - Kingston run could begin Oct. 1'

11. March 22, 2001

Headline: "Clipper Drops Kingston Plan"

'Faced with labor & legislative obstacles the boat opts to wait'

(12) Sept. 2001

Event Trip - "Race For The Cure"

**190 Tickets sold**

13. Feb 15, 2002

Headline: "Kingston Fast Ferry Is Long Overdue"

'Clipper Proposing Charter Only Service'

14. Oct. 20, 2002      **Headline: "Funding For Kingston Fast-Ferry Is In Referendum #51"**
15. Nov. 2002      **Headline: "Referendum #51 Fails"**
16.      **Kitsap Transit Proposes Proposition**
- (17) Sept. 2003      **5 Round-trips to Seattle – "Clipper III"**  
**750 People Carried**
18.      **Kitsap Transit Prop. I Fails**
19. Dec. 7, 2003      **2 Firms Hoping to Fill Passenger Ferry Gaps**
20. July 10, 2004      **Headline: "Kingston route gets green light from state"**  
-      **'Aqua Express hopes to start runs to Seattle by October'**  
-      **5 round-trips to Seattle daily Mon. – Fri.**
21. Jan. 18, 2005      **"Aqua Express and community bring Kingston – Seattle ferry route to life"**  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> is the first day of operation
22. Oct. 1, 2005      **"Foot Ferry for Kingston to end"**  
Increasing fuel costs  
Lower than expected rider-ship
23. Feb. 7, 2007      **Kitsap Transit's Fast-Ferry measure fails**

*Please note – the headlines quoted are from the Kitsap Sun and North Kitsap Herald.*