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**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING CONSIDERATION OF
CWA PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
(Set for January 26, 2012)**

RE: *In re Application for Auto Transportation Authority by HopeSource Requesting Forbearance from Rate and Service Regulation as an Auto Transportation Company under RCW 81.68 and requiring application to provide transportation under RCW 81.70, Docket TC-111928*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 7, 2011, HopeSource filed an application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for auto transportation authority and forbearance from rate and service regulation as an auto transportation company pursuant to RCW 81.68.015. HopeSource proposed to provide auto transportation services for low-income, senior, and disabled citizens as well as students of rural Kittitas County to access jobs, educational opportunities, medical facilities and recreation. HopeSource represented that the service is almost entirely funded through grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Central Washington University and Yakima Transit.

On November 23, 2011, after consideration of the application at its regularly scheduled open meeting, the Commission issued Order 01 Granting Forbearance from Rate and Service Regulation as an Auto Transportation Company and Requiring the Company to File an Application for Charter Permit (Order 01).

On December 19, 2011, CWA, Inc., d/b/a Central Washington Airporter (CWA) filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Order 01 (Petition). CWA states that it holds a certificate from the Commission to provide and is providing auto transportation service on the same

route HopeSource proposed to serve and that the Commission improperly granted HopeSource's application without a hearing and a finding that CWA is not providing service to the satisfaction of the Commission as required in RCW 81.68.040. CWA also contends that HopeSource is not funding its service entirely through grants from WSDOT and thus may not be eligible for forbearance from regulation under RCW 81.68.015.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will consider CWA's Petition at its regularly scheduled Open Meeting on January 26, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary