

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-415, Docket No. TC-940123, filed 5/5/94, effective 6/5/94)

WAC 480-30-032 Notice of application; protests; contemporaneous applications. (1) Notice shall be made of the filing of applications for authority to provide auto transportation service in identified territory by sending notice of the application, with a description of its terms, to all persons presently authorized to provide auto transportation service under this chapter in the territory of the application, all present applicants for such service, and any other person who has requested, in writing, to receive such notices. Interested persons shall have twenty days from the date of mailing of the notice in which to file a protest with the commission stating opposition to the application. Protests should set forth specifically the grounds on which they are made and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. Any person who is eligible to file a protest to an application but fails to do so, absent a showing of good cause, is precluded from participating in any hearing upon the application or in any further stage of the proceeding.

(2) If any person wishes to seek authority which overlaps, in whole or in part, that sought in any pending application, it must apply for that authority within thirty days after the mailing of the notice of filing of the initial application in order for the applications to be considered jointly by the commission. During the thirty-day period, pending applications will be on file and available for inspection in the commission headquarters office in Olympia.

(3) The commission may consolidate overlapping pending applications, pursuant to WAC (~~(480-09-610)~~) 480-07-320, for joint consideration.

(4) Overlapping applications which are not filed within thirty days after mailing of the notice of filing of the initial application will not be jointly considered with the initial application and will not be decided until after the conclusion of proceedings resolving the pending application and any other application which qualifies for joint consideration.

(5) The commission may consider and decide, on any schedule, portions of an overlapping application when:

(a) The portions to be heard do not overlap a prior pending application; and

(b) The overlapping portions may appropriately be severed

from the portions to be heard.