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NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FILINGS

RE: *In re Application TC-143864 of Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc. d/b/a SeaTac Direct, Docket TC-143864*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 12, 2014, Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc. d/b/a SeaTac Direct (SeaTac Direct or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for an extension of Certificate No. C-65454 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Passenger and Express Service as an Auto Transportation Company (Application).¹ Notice of the Application was published in the Commission's weekly Docket of November 20, 2014.

On December 3, 2014, Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc. (Bremerton-Kitsap) filed an objection to the Application on the grounds that SeaTac Direct seeks to provide taxi service, which is not regulated by the Commission. Bremerton-Kitsap made no claim that SeaTac Direct seeks to provide the same service Bremerton-Kitsap currently provides.

On December 12, 2014, the Whatcom Transportation Authority – a public transportation provider not regulated by the Commission – filed an objection to the Application, requesting the Commission deny the Application if SeaTac Direct seeks to provide service that constitutes public transportation.

On December 23, 2014, Seatac Shuttle, LLC (Seatac Shuttle) filed comments requesting the Commission deny the Application based on the Company's proposed rates, and echoing the concerns of both Bremerton-Kitsap and the Whatcom Transportation

¹ A bus certificate is formally referred to in RCW 81.68 as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Passenger and Express Service as an Auto Transportation Company.

Authority. Seatac Shuttle made no claim that SeaTac Direct seeks to provide the same service Seatac Shuttle currently provides.

Under WAC 480-30-116(2), only an existing auto transportation company may object to an application for an extension of authority and only if that company holds a certificate that authorizes the same service – and the company provides the same service – the applicant seeks to provide. The Whatcom Transportation Authority is not an auto transportation company, and neither Bremerton-Kitsap nor Seatac Shuttle claims to hold a certificate for, and to provide, the same service the Company seeks to provide. Accordingly, none of these three entities may object to the Application.

The Commission, therefore, will not convene a brief adjudicative proceeding to hear objections to the Application. Commission Staff (Staff) will review the Application to determine whether it complies with all applicable requirements. We encourage SeaTac Direct to work with Staff and the other stakeholders to resolve and clarify the issues identified in the filings.

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Executive Director and Secretary