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TO:

Stephen R. Abernathy

REFERENCE: Letter dated July 2, 2008, from Stephen Abernathy, WSDOT to Dan Carter, Genie Service Company: Violation of Registered Trade Name

Mr. Abernathy:

Please note that Genie Service Company dba Genie Tours does not use the name "Grape Line" on any of its vehicle. However, Genie Service Company coined the logo "GrapeLine" in configuration with clusters of grapes in recognition of our local wine industry and our wine tours in the Walla Walla Valley and Yakima Valley. I see no trade mark infringement. Your concern suggests that Waremart should not use its name because it sounds too much like Walmart.

Dan Carter

Cc: David Pratt, Director, WUTC Enforcement Division
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