

Agenda Date: May 10, 2012
Item Number: B1

Docket: TC-120419
Company Name: CWA, Inc., C-1073
d/b/a Airporter Shuttle

Staff: Nicki Johnson, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Take no action, allowing the rates filed by CWA, Inc., d/b/a Airporter Shuttle on March 29, 2012, to become effective May 11, 2012, by operation of law.

Discussion

On March 29, 2012, CWA, Inc., d/b/a Airporter Shuttle (CWA or company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) revisions to its Tariff No. 1 with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2012. The proposed tariff revisions would generate approximately \$161,000 (13.2 percent) in additional annual revenue. The company provides transportation between the SeaTac Airport or the Seattle Amtrak station and North Bend, Cle Elum, Ellensburg or Yakima. It also provides intercity passenger service between Yakima, Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and North Bend. CWA serves approximately 36,000 passengers annually. This is the company's first general rate increase since it obtained its certificate in May 2003.

At the time the company filed this proposed tariff increase, it also had a pending application with the commission for an extension of its existing auto transportation certificate to include North Bend. In this docket, Docket TG-120419, the company proposes to increase the North Bend rates over and above those rates filed in its extension application.

At staff's request, CWA extended the effective date of its tariff filing to May 11, 2012, to allow time to complete its territory extension. On April 27, 2012, the commission issued an order approving the company's territory extension.

Staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operation, the company's financial information supports the revenue requirement and the proposed rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

Rate Comparison

One Way Fares			
Stops	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
Yakima Air Terminal to SeaTac	\$37.00	\$42.50	14.9%
Ellensburg to SeaTac	\$31.00	\$35.00	12.9%
North Bend To SeaTac	\$19.00	\$21.00	10.5%

Customer Comments

No comments have been received.

Conclusion

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