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September 6, 2018

Kraig Hansen
San Juan Transit Tours & Charters, LLC
P.O. Box 2809
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Sent via Email and First Class Mail

Re: Docket TC-180535 - SJ Taxi, LLC, dba San Juan Taxi & Tours, Request for Forbearance

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for contacting the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) concerning Docket TC-180535 filed by SJ Taxi, LLC, dba San Juan Taxi & Tours (San Juan Taxi). San Juan Transit Tours & Charters, LLC (San Juan Transit) and Friday Harbor Jolly Trolley (Jolly Trolley) were not included as a party of record in Docket TC-180535 and San Juan Transit believes the commission should reconsider its decision to grant San Juan Taxi forbearance from rate and service regulation as an auto transportation company.

On June 28, 2018, the commission mailed a notice of the pending application to all auto transportation certificate holders as required by [WAC 480-30-116\(1\)](#). Objections to an auto transportation application can only be made by existing auto transportation companies (see [WAC 480-30-116](#)). San Juan Transit Tours and Jolly Trolley have Charter and Excursion certificates. Neither company is an auto transportation certificate holder and does not have the right to formally object to an auto transportation certificate application.

San Juan Transit, Jolly Trolley, and San Juan Taxi asked for and received forbearance from rate and service regulation (*fully regulated* auto transportation). After considering each of the requests separately, the Commission determined the type of service requested on and between the San Juan Islands is recreational in nature and not an essential transportation service. As a result each company must maintain Charter and Excursion authority. Charter Excursion certificate holders are not required to maintain tariffs, maps, hours of service/schedules, price changes, etc., with the Commission, nor do you need to seek Commission approval prior to changing those items. Charter Excursion certificate holders are primarily regulated for safety.

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While this information may not be what you requested, I hope that it has been helpful. I recommend you contact the City of Friday Harbor, if there is a concern with the bus and transit parking area.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mathew Perkinson, Motor Carrier Safety Manager, at (360) 701-1601 or email mathew.perkinson@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Johnson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Duncan Wilson, Town Manager, Friday Harbor
Brent Snow, General Manager, Roche Harbor Resort
Mike Turcott, Compliance Investigations Supervisor, UTC
Wayne Gilbert, Safety Investigator, UTC