



March 13, 2020

Mr. Mark L. Johnson
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**RE: The Rock Transportation Services Corporation
OBA: Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle & Charter WSS)
C-1077**

**Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak - Business Interruption
Request for exemption from WAC 480-30-316(2), Thirty Day Notice to Public**

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Under WAC 480-07-110 the Commission may grant an exemption from any of its rules. The Rock Transportation Services Corporation hereby requests an exemption from WAC 480-30-316(2) Thirty Day Notice to the public.

The exemption is requested due to the immediate impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on the high-level of consumer trip cancellation, especially with Naval Air Station Whidbey suspending all non-essential travel. As well as the guidance provided by the CDC, Washington State Department of Health, and Island County Health Department to senior-aged populations on Whidbey Island to avoid travel. In addition, to cancellation, new reservations are also dramatically impacted and decreasing from normal levels.

This modification to our operating schedule will be temporary due to the COVID-19 outbreak crisis, and dependent upon the duration and intensity of the outbreak public health crisis. We are maintaining a regular time schedule to meet the needs of travelers to-and-from Whidbey Island with the proposed modifications. WSS is planning to return to our full summer season schedule May 18, 2020. Of our 9-core shuttle runs, the proposed modification would include the following:

- I. Suspension of two morning run, whereas we have sufficient passenger space on shuttle runs before or after shuttles that can be adjusted to meet current passenger demand, and surge capacities if required.
(See attachment - Time Schedule No. 11 Pages 3 & 4)

2. Merging of two afternoon runs into one shuttle run and two evening runs into one shuttle run. The adjustment to time schedule to support the current passenger demand, and surge capacities if required.
(See attached - Time Schedule No. 11 Page 2)

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WSS has posted the appropriate notice in its main office and on the company website on March 13, 2020 and therefore customers are notified. Due to the impact of the health concerns of outbreak the proposed effective date would not allow for the proper 30-day notice.

(See attached - Public Notice of Time Schedule Change Effective March 28, 2020)

If granted, the proposed time schedule changes will become effective immediately following Commissions approval March 28, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration, if you require additional information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darcy R. Munn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

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