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PLEASE DOCKET T-101661 and A-042090

Commissioners
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Olympia, Washington

Re: Comments Docket T-101661 and Docket A-042090

Commissioners:

I am a frequent user of Whidbey Seatac Shuttle and I do not understand your recent attempt to deny them the ability to recover spiking fuel costs via fuel surcharges. The shuttle is an integral part of our transportation here on the Island and has provided quality, reliable service without a fare increase for the past six years. Fuel surcharges have permitted them to provide me with a stable fare in an environment of increasing costs which affects every other aspect of my day to day expenses. I urge you to consider the value this service provides all of us at fair and reasonable price.

Many of my real estate clients use the Whidbey Seatac Shuttle to come to Whidbey during the summer months when the ferry lines are atrocious. When I use the Whidbey Seatac Shuttle personally, I find that the trip is easy, and the direct ride to the airport is the only method of getting to and from the airport in a cost effective, timely manner to and from this island.

Living on an island has rewards, but it is a constant battle to hold onto the basic mobility we require, and deserve as citizens of Washington State.

- I-5 is nearly always overcrowded during times we need to get to and from Seatac.
- The ferries are also overcrowded during the times we need to get to and from Seatac.
- Having Whidbey Seatac Shuttle is cost effective.
- Having Whidbey Seatac Shuttle is often the only reliable way to accomplish a safe, affordable and stress free trip to the airport.

I invite each of you to come to Whidbey Island soon. I would love to give you a tour of our wonderful island, and personally drive you from Whidbey to SeaTac airport, so you can see for yourselves the hours that simple trip would take if we did not have Whidbey Seatac Shuttle available.

Sincerely,

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