

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application TS-160479 of

MEI NORTHWEST LLC

For a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Operate Vessels in
Furnishing Passenger Ferry Service

DOCKET TS-160479

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
**(Set for September 1, 2016,
at 1:30 p.m.)**

- 1 MEI Northwest LLC on May 6, 2016, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an Application for Commercial Ferry Certificate (Application) in accordance with RCW 81.84.
- 2 On June 29, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, which allowed thirty days to protest the Application. On July 22, 2016, Arrow Launch Service, Inc. filed a protest.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Titles 80 and 81, and has legal authority to regulate persons seeking to furnish commercial ferry service under chapter 81.84 RCW and WAC 480-51, including but not limited to RCW 81.84.010, and RCW 81.84.020. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, RCW 81.84, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 81.84.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-51, relating to commercial ferries.
- 4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.
- 5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 1, 2016, in the Commission's**

Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). In addition, party representatives must file notices of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2), no later than the day before the conference. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

Applicant: MEI Northwest LLC
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(510) 523-8900

Protestant: Arrow Launch Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 2376
Port Angeles, WA 98362-1544
(360) 457-1544

Representative: David W. Wiley
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Olympia, WA 98504-0128

- 10 Administrative Law Judge Marguerite Friedlander, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 5, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. **(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)**

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____