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Commissioners

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Olympia, WA

Commissioners,

I am a frequent user of Whidbey Seatac Shuttle and I do not understand your recent attempt to deny Whidbey Seatac Shuttle service the ability to recover spiking fuel costs via fuel surcharges. The shuttle is an integral part of our transportation here on Whidbey Island and has provided quality, very reliable service without a fare increase for the last six years. Fuel surcharges have permitted them to provide my family 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 us at fair and reasonable price. An example if a family member flies in to visit us here in Washington, without the shuttle service we will drive from Whidbey Island to Seatac to pick them up and then take them back to the airport when they leave and obviously this requires two round trips with one vehicle versus one round trip with the shuttle that many people are using.. I heard on NPR today that our freeway system through Seattle (on the way to and from the airport) is one of the highest freeway traffic jam areas in the United States; not having this shuttle service will certainly add to this as does your thinking to deny recovery of spiking fuel costs via fuel service charges.

The Governor recently issued an Executive Order (EO 10-06) in which she specifically told the various state agencies and commissions that they were NOT to create any new rules which would affect small business unless it was for the health, safety or welfare of the public or to protect natural resources. You can read the Executive Order at: www.governor.wa.gov/news/Executive_Order10-06.pdf It is my opinion that your commission is choosing to ignore this Executive Order and this will adversely affect Whidbey Seatac Shuttle as a small business and possibly be the cause for them going out of business; our small businesses in Washington certainly do not need this type of leadership especially in this challenging economy.

Please reconsider your actions!

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