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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Attn: David Gomez

Deputy Assistant Director of Water and Transportation

RE: Aqua Express extension certificate for the Kingston to Seattle Passenger Ferry

Mr. Gomez,

I am sure you are aware of the efforts of the community of Kingston to have passenger ferry service. We have worked on this since 1997 to secure a passenger only ferry service from Kingston to downtown Seattle.

So I am requesting that you allow me to speak at your hearing on this matter. After working with Aqua Express, Kitsap Transit, Mayors of the cities of Kitsap County, other county public officials and many state legislators, it is our position that you allow the current Aqua Express permit to continue thru 2009.

There is virtually no other organization or company in Puget Sound that can make this service work. The cooperative effort that Kitsap Transit, the Port of Kingston and Aqua Express have made is substantial. One only has to look at the docking facility at the Port of Kingston to know that.

Currently there are many cities and counties in and around Puget Sound that want to start this type of service. It only makes sense when we're all trying to get out of our cars. We look forward to working with them in the near future.

We must have this current program to do that. I would appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,

Vinton Sonny Woodward

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