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Having another passenger vessel to/from Stehekin would expand scheduling options for my trips back and forth and would likely result in more visitors to Stehekin & revenue for local biz.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No ___ If not, explain problems you have experienced.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain.

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Luke Evans

Business/Organization: _____

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1359

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 470.1941 Fax Number: _____

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Luke Evans PRINT NAME [Signature] SIGNATURE 9/23/18 DATE

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I need reliable transportation that will leave at times other than the 8am leaving Chelan & arriving Stehekin at 12:40pm. The Express Boat does not run daily year round; NOR does the Lady II.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. There is only 1 commercial passenger service from Chelan to Stehekin. It is inconvenient for my needs. 6 months out of the year it operates only 3 days a week. This does not serve Stehekin residents well or vacationers.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No If yes, please explain. I need to be able to have reliable daily service to and from Stehekin year round, at the times Backcountry Travels LLC would provide. This service would allow me to leave at mid-morning and return at 1pm, arriving Stehekin mid-afternoon on the same day.

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Name and Title: TERRIE O'NEAL
Business/Organization: Personal Use - Part time (since 1950) 68yrs
Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 635
City, State, Zip Code: Snohomish, Wa. 98291-0635
Telephone Number: 360-568-6270 Fax Number: _____

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TERRIE L. O'NEAL
PRINT NAME

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. <u>We would love to spend more time visiting the Stehekin area - thru out the year. Without the seaplane there is very limited service.</u>
Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, explain problems you have experienced. <u>When our kids want to meet us from Seattle they must leave very very early because that is the only boat option at this time</u>
If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please explain. <u>As stated above we would love to spend more time up lake with our family. More travel options would be dependant for us all.</u>

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)	
Name and Title: <u>Kari Miller</u>	
Business/Organization: _____	
Street/Mailing Address: <u>485 Lakayuse Rd</u>	
City, State, Zip Code: <u>Manson WA 98831</u>	
Telephone Number: <u>2062342293</u> Fax Number: _____	
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<u>Kari Miller</u>	<u>Kari Miller</u>
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Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No ___ If not, explain problems you have experienced.
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If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain.
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VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Logan Courtney and Corianne Courtney
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: 50 Anderson Rd
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan WA 98816
 Telephone Number: 509-424-0884 Fax Number: _____

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Logan Courtney
 PRINT NAME

[Signature]
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8/18/18
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Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.

We need a service focused on transportation, not tourism. As Stehekin property owners, we need to be able to travel to Chelan/Wenatchee and return to Stehekin in the same day, and we need access our property daily year round. Visiting friends/family need a service that doesn't require them to either leave their homes at 5:00am to catch the boat, or stay at a hotel in Chelan the night before their trip. We need a service that is accessible to the elderly and handicapped populations.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.

The Lake Chelan Boat Company winter schedule with reduced service does not allow us to access our property without taking time off work, as they only provide service three days a week. The Lady Express always rides on a tilt, as it cannot be trimmed to level, and causes significant back pain. I've also been on the Lady II with handicapped passengers, and seen them struggle with the narrow doorways, and the steps down into the main cabin and up into the restrooms. Additionally, a boat service based in Chelan does not accommodate the daily needs of Stehekin residents looking to come to Chelan/Wenatchee for errands/appointments. The current service requires a day for travel on either side of the day spent in Wenatchee. A service based in Stehekin will maximize the business hours available with just a single night away from home.

If the request is denied, would it have any effect on you or your business/organization:

Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain.

We are making improvements to our property, and frequently go up and down the lake. The current boat schedule limits our access and opportunity for these projects, adding extra cost and time to our expenses. We anticipate having foster children in our home in Stehekin, and the inability to get to Wenatchee early in the day, much less return home the next day, may prevent us from pursuing that goal due to the requirements of the foster care system and needs of the children. Finally, the limitations of the current transportation option have essentially forced us to purchase our own boat to meet our needs. While convenient, using our own boat is not cost effective, and we would much prefer the freedom of choice in our transportation.

Logan Courtney



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Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced. See attached paper

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
Yes No ___ If yes, please explain. See attached paper

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Christina Bogantz

Business/Organization: _____

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 504 4709 Sportsman Club Road

City, State, Zip Code: Johnstown, Ohio, 43031

Telephone Number: 614-557-0896 Fax Number: _____

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Christina DD Bogantz
PRINT NAME

Christina DD Bogantz
SIGNATURE

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I need to be able to get into Stehekin in just one day. I travel all of the way from Ohio to Stehekin and it is impossible to get into Stehekin on the same day of my flight. After a flight from Ohio to Seattle I can't possible catch the ferry at 9:45 (which is the latest current option for catching a ferry up lake). Therefore no, my transportation needs are not being met.

With the current ferry my only option is to fly in to Seattle, stay at a hotel, drive several hours to Fields Point Landing, and then catch the ferry on my second day of traveling. Two days of traveling gets a bit expensive, it's not how I want to spend my time, it's exhausting, and it's a hassle. With this Back Country Travel's ferry option on Lake Chelan (which will leave Fields Point landing to go up lake at 1:00) I will be able get into Stehekin with just one day of traveling and still have my evening to see Stehekin! Backcountry Travels proposed schedule will shorten my traveling time immensely and it will cut out a lot of stress, hassle, and expense of staying at a hotel.

If Backcountry Travel's request is denied then I would have to spend more money to continue staying at hotels, and deal with the hassle of the hotel, and I would have to continue wasting an extra day traveling. With Backcountry Travels services, I could be getting into Stehekin in just one day and have more time in Stehekin. There services would immensely decrease the stress and hassle of getting to Stehekin and therefore makes traveling to Stehekin sound so much more enjoyable and also makes it sound like something I would be willing to do more often.

While working this summer in Stehekin, I have asked numerous people to come visit me. Because the majority of the people coming to visit me are from Ohio as well, they too have to deal with finding hotels to stay at because they can't catch the ferry into Stehekin on the same day that they fly into Seattle. By far, the hardest part of planning their visit to Stehekin is scheduling transportation. For someone from the east coast who has never been to Stehekin, it is daunting and overwhelming to figure out all of the transportation to line up with the current ferry service up lake to Stehekin. Not only is scheduling transportation hard but it is hard for my east coast visitors to take off the additional time necessary to spend traveling. Time is money and spending two full days traveling isn't practical and it defiantly isn't how people want to spend their time and money.

If they were able to make it to Stehekin in just one day of traveling, then planning a trip to Stehekin is way less stressful and way more likely. Some of the people that I asked to come and visit me couldn't afford the extra expense of a night in a hotel and the addition time off work that is currently necessary when traveling to Stehekin from Ohio. Backcountry Travels boat schedule would make getting to Stehekin in one day a possibly and it would ease the stress of traveling from the east coast to Stehekin. Also, it would increase the likelihood of having more east coast guests in Stehekin.

Winters services on Chelan are The current off season ferry service makes traveling to Stehekin extremely challenging. I believe that Back Country Travels will promote much more traveling to Stehekin

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TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CHELAN/STEHKIN AND PARTS UP LAKE

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

CURRENT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER DOES NOT MEET MY SCHEDULE NEEDS

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes No ___ If yes, please explain. I OWN TWO BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT RESIDENCES + VISITORS TO STEHEKIN + CHELAN + OTHER POINTS ON THE LAKE

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: BOB DOGGETT, OWNER

Business/Organization: LOCAL MYTH PIZZA, STORMY MOUNTAIN BREWING

Street/Mailing Address: PO BOX 31

City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN, WA 98815

Telephone Number: 206 913 3445 Fax Number:

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ROBERT DOGGETT
PRINT NAME


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Safe and fast boat service between
Chelan & Stehekin

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

• current ferry service does not provide enough
departure/arrival options

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes No ___ If yes, please explain. We own a rental property near one of the ferry stops and guests are unable to visit ~~at~~ Stehekin as easily as they would prefer. More options would enhance the guest experience.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Sarah M. Fox

Business/Organization: Owner, rental property

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 31

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 206 910 7904 Fax Number: _____

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Sarah Fox
PRINT NAME

Sarah M. Fox
SIGNATURE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.
I have lived in Stehekin for more than 25 years, and transportation options have never been worse. I need to come and go for my work as a writer and teacher, and have to turn down jobs regularly due to the limited ferry schedule.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.
The time of departure from STEhekin has always been a problem, requiring an extra night out for any travel. But it has recently gotten much worse as the Lady Express is often booked full in summer, and the boat company has made it harder for Stehekin residents to make reservations. Also the three day a week schedule in winter is very limiting. We used to have the float plane for an option in summer and winter, but no more. This schedule would make life much easier!

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain. As noted above, I will have to continue to turn down jobs because of the cost / inconvenience of travel. I will also likely continue to skip doctor appointments because they require a two-night stay downlake.

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Ana Maria Spagna

Business/Organization: _____

Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 35

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852

Telephone Number: 909 648 4938 Fax Number: _____

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Ana Maria Spagna
 PRINT NAME

[Signature]
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
 Licensing Services
 PO Box 47250
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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I need a boat schedule that is more flexible therefore allowing more flexibility in my life. Backcountry Travels would provide this flexibility. Having another boat operating on the opposite schedule from the regular ferry would allow everyone the ability to manage their lives with a little less of a choke hold on traveling logistics. I also love the idea of having day in the winter for running around downlake and still being able to come back up in the same day.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No x If not, explain problems you have experienced.

. It is pain to have to wake up at 4am in the morning to try and catch the only boat going into Stehekin if you're downlake or alternatively, have to pay for a hotel so you can wait to get on the boat the next day. Also, I love the idea of having a morning boat going from Stehekin down to Field's Point. It is always aggravating when you need to travel away from home that you can't start your travels until the afternoon once you get downlake. Being able to get downlake in the morning is a huge plus for residents of Stehekin. Additionally, in the winter, a Stehekin resident must plan on being downlake for multiple days due to the boat schedule even if they only have business for one day. This means added expenditure of more hotel rooms, more food costs, more gas, etc.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain.

Not applicable

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Jamie Kozono
Business/Organization: Not applicable
Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 278
City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852
Telephone Number: 510-292-8119 Fax Number: _____

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<i>Jamie Koruno</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/3/18
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We enjoy visiting the Stehekin area & bringing up friends with us. The current schedule is limiting & difficult to work with year round.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

The boat schedule in the off summer season is limited, and difficult to meet our needs for visiting the Stehekin area.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes No ___ If yes, please explain. We often cannot visit the Stehekin area because the current boat schedule is inflexible in the off season which is the majority of the year.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Mitch & Alice Thompson

Business/Organization: _____

Street/Mailing Address: 2004 Lower Monitor Road.

City, State, Zip Code: Wenatchee WA 98801

Telephone Number: 509 670 7000 Fax Number: _____

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Mitch Thompson
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Mitch Thompson
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Alice Thompson

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I need to be able to drive from Spokane to Chelan and then catch a ferry to Stehekin the same day. Presently, I must leave Spokane at 4AM to accomplish this. But I cannot safely drive at night.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

The schedule for the existing ferry is incompatible with my travel needs (see above).

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes No ___ If yes, please explain.

If the request is denied, it will take me two days to reach Stehekin from Spokane. With the new ferry service, it will be an easy one day trip.

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Dr. Peck Ritter
 Business/Organization: Retired
 Street/Mailing Address: 12222 W 4th Ave Ext
 City, State, Zip Code: Cheney, WA 99004
 Telephone Number: 509-981-1885 Fax Number: peckr.eagle@gmail.com

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Dr. Peck Ritter PRINT NAME Peck Ritter SIGNATURE 9/7/18 DATE

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Please see attached letter.
- Would reduce travel time to and from Stehekin from four days, to two days. This would allow me to travel to Stehekin more often

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced.
Please see attached letter

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes No If yes, please explain. Please see attached letter

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: William G. Bogantz III
 Business/Organization: N/A
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 City, State, Zip Code: Sunbury, OH 43074
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William G. Bogantz  8/23/18
 PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE

To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Support Statement for Backcountry Travels LLC application for a Ferry Service on Lake Chelan

Application Docket No.: TS-180677

To whom it may concern: I saw that Backcountry Travels LLC had submitted an application for a ferry service that would operate on Lake Chelan, that would provide service to and from Stehekin and Fields Point I wanted to take a few minutes to explain why I believe this additional ferry service is necessary, and how the transportation needs of people visiting Stehekin are not being met at this current time.

As someone that has made multiple trips from Ohio to Stehekin, by far the hardest part of the trip is planning transportation. This is also the most expensive, and time consuming part. This additional ferry service would help reduce the the amount of time required to travel to Stehekin drastically, and would make me more likely to visit more often.

With the current options, traveling to Stehekin from out of town often requires two days. The latest ferry offered into Stehekin requires you to be at Fields Point Landing by 9:45am (if you take the latest option). Individuals like myself, from out of town, have to fly into Washington (usually through Seattle or Spokane), and take a several hour car ride before getting to the landing by 9:45am to catch the ferry. This is almost impossible to do in one day, therefore adding travel costs, and shortening the amount of time that can be spent in Stehekin. Some of the travel costs that are added by this are a hotel (so that you can be at the landing by 9:45am), and having to book a rental car for additional time. The additional costs like this and the extra time it takes, have deterred me from coming to the state of Washington to visit Stehekin multiple times.

Many of the issues that are faced when coming to Stehekin, are also faced when attempting to leave, and travel back to Ohio. With the current options for transportation, it often takes two days to return from Stehekin back to Ohio. The reason for this are very similar. When leaving Stehekin the earliest you can be back to Fields Point Landing is 1:45pm, and that is if you pay additional money to take the faster ferry. The other option is to arrive at 4:45pm. When arriving at Fields Point Landing at either of these times, by the time you make the several hour ride back to the airport, once again you are forced to stay an additional night and spend extra money on a hotel. This once again reduces the amount of time that can be spent in Stehekin if you have limited vacation.

When making a trip to Stehekin many individuals such as myself have to plan for spending four days traveling to and from Stehekin. When someone only has seven days of vacation, this only

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gives them the ability to spend three full days in Stehekin. This makes it very difficult to visit Stehekin unless you are able to take an extended vacation.

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Now I would like to talk about why I believe the additional ferry service offered by Backcountry Travels LLC is absolutely necessary for Stehekin. With Backcountry Travels LLC offering ferry services at different times than the current services, it would make it more cost effective to visit, and most importantly reduce the amount of time spent traveling. This would increase the amount of time spent in Stehekin, and therefore make it practical to travel there more often.

Here is how the additional ferry service would save a substantial amount of time for out of town visitors. With Backcountry Travels ferry leaving Fields Point Landing at 1:00pm to begin traveling to Stehekin, this gives more than three hours extra to complete the travels to Fields Point Landing from the airport. This would make it possible to travel to Stehekin from out of town in a single day. And with Backcountry Travels ferry being slightly faster than the current option, you would arrive by 2:45pm. This gives visitors such as myself nearly an entire day (23 hours) more in Stehekin than the best option available at this current time!

The ferry service offered by Backcountry Travels would save additional time when leaving Stehekin as well. With the ferry service that Backcountry Travels is offering I believe the travel time home could be reduced to a single day. Backcountry Travels ferry would arrive at Fields Point Landing at 11:40am, that would give more than two additional hours to get to the airport and catch a flight home. Even though two hours does not sound like a substantial amount of time I believe it would make the difference and be able to reduce my travel time home to a single day.

If the ferry offered by Backcountry Travels would be allowed to run on Lake Chelan it would save individuals such as myself two days spent traveling (one getting there, and one returning). This would mean that if I have a week of vacation to come to Stehekin, instead of spending four days traveling, and only three full days in Stehekin, I would be able to spend only two days traveling, and a five full days in Stehekin! This would make me much more likely to spend my vacations in Stehekin, Washington.

In this statement I have only talked about how this ferry would be beneficial to be traveling to Stehekin during the peak season. The benefits would be even greater during the "off season." With the Lady Express only going to Stehekin, at times, three days a week in the "off season," I have never been able to consider travel there during this time. With Backcountry Travels Ferry operating every day during the off season, this would now be a possibility!

With the beauty of Stehekin I have wanted to share it with many of my friends and family. Unfortunately, many people have not been able to come due to the amount of time they have to spend traveling. I truly believe that if Backcountry Travels would be permitted to operate a ferry service on Lake Chelan many more people would be able to travel to Stehekin!

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In this letter I believe I have shown how the transportation needs of people visiting Stehekin are not being met at this current time, and how allowing Backcountry Travels to operate a ferry on lake Chelan would fill this void.

If the request from Backcountry Travels to operate a ferry on Lake Chelan is denied it would prevent me, and many others from traveling to Stehekin when we have a limited amount of time that we can be away from home or work.

Thanks you for taking the time to read this,

William G. Bogantz III 8/23/18

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Sunbury, OH 43074
614-949-5309

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SUPPORT STATEMENT
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. attached

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No ___ If not, explain problems you have experienced.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain.

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VERIFICATION
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Name and Title: Robert & Tammy Nielsen
 Business/Organization: Stehekin Residents, Lodge Manager, Power House Attendant
 Street/Mailing Address: Box 85 Stehekin
 City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852
 Telephone Number: 509 429 7050 Fax Number: _____

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<u>Robert C Nielsen</u> PRINT NAME	<u>Robert C Nielsen</u> SIGNATURE	<u>9/14/18</u> DATE
<u>Tammy Nielsen</u>	<u>Tammy Nielsen</u>	<u>9-14-2018</u>



Robert Nielsen <robertcarnielsen@gmail.com>

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Robert Nielsen <robertcarnielsen@gmail.com>

To: robert nielsen <robertcarnielsen@gmail.com>

Bcc: Colter Courtney <coltercourtney@gmail.com>

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 8:36 AM

Greetings from Stehekin

I strongly support Backcountry Travel's application to run a daily 32 passenger boat on Lake Chelan. I am Robert Nielsen, my wife is Tammy, and we have three young adult boys raised here in Stehekin.

Our family caretakes a private resort visited by up to 150 people, their extended families and friends, who come to Stehekin throughout the year.

I operate the PUD hydro electric power plant in Stehekin.

Our transportation needs have been extremely limited by the WUTC's permit to only one commercial boat operator on Lake Chelan. Our boys went to high school in Chelan, and most recently in the Methow valley. My on-call 24 hour a day job for Chelan County PUD, and the restricted travel options in the winter have been a major impediment to me being able to visit my family and high school age son these last 5 years. Daily travel options in the winter, as well as the favorable schedule leaving from Stehekin, would have been an incredible service to have had before my son graduated this last June. I missed untold opportunities to take part in his life due to travel restrictions during the winter, and our inability to afford and operate a private boat, and my inability to just quit a job that supports my family, and start over in a new location where we could all be together. I had to take two days of annual leave just to cover travel days during the winter, to be able to have a day or so on the weekend. I feel it is very unjust to limit commercial operation to just one company who can choose when to run or not, from 5 days in the winter in the past, to just 3 days a week in winter for the last bunch of years. If another company can make a go of it with a 32 passenger boat, I see absolutely no reason they should not be allowed to do so. I also see no way a 32 passenger commercial boat would compromise the Lake Chelan boat Companies ability to operate profitably. As power house operator in the Stehekin valley, I've tracked a continuous up-tick in visitation to the valley through the increased demand for power production, well within the capacity of existing equipment. The amount of summer tourists who come to Stehekin is rising. Holden village is back in operation at full capacity after their 3 or so years of limited visitors during the mine remediation. There is clearly a need for more travel options, The existing boat company has plenty of business with Holden and summer day visitation to Stehekin, and I see a

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32 passenger high efficiency commuter boat as nothing but great: for tourist, for locals, and for both operators to be motivated to provide a quality and polite service to any and all travelers on the lake. I firmly believe that more activity on the lake will foster more activity, as the proposal states; the possibilities for enhanced business opportunities should not be limited. The increased competition will improve the existing service. In summary, my ability to see my family, the ability for visitors to take advantage of shorter free periods they might have for a trip to Stehakin, and the travel flexibility for routine business or doctor visits especially in the winter, would be greatly appreciated.

If the request is denied, we are stuck with trying to continue to work around not being able to travel in winter, or needing to take two nights in Wenatchee for a 2 hour dentist appointment; and many people who come to the private resort that we manage are able to come less often.

I see the reasons that the WUTC has limited the concession to one operator back in the early 1900's. Those reasons no longer hold true: all transportation will not be at risk if two or more options are available for Stehakin travel. Time to enter the 21st century and allow the market to dictate how each of these business's operate for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Thanks for considering.

Robert and Tammy Nielsen

robertcarlnielsen@gmail.com tammyyuplake@gmail.com

PO Box 85

Stehakin, Washington 98852

no phones in Stehakin, but down lake: 509-429-7050

Please do ask me to to participate in an official hearing.

cheers, bob

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. We are close to opening a commercial retreat center for 30 guests and open year around. Our guests need to be able to leave the Chelan area near mid-day so they don't have to pay for overnight lodging.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. We currently rent a vacation home in Stehekin for 11 guests. Their complaint is often that they must pay for a hotel room in Chelan before coming to Stehekin since the current boat leaves only @ 8:30 am from Chelan.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No If yes, please explain. The cost for guests goes up (stays up due to extra lodging) and for a large family that can be limiting (especially in summer).

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: WESLEY M. SHERER, owner/manager
 Business/Organization: Stehekin Rustic Retreat
 Street/Mailing Address: 48 DIETRICH RD
 City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN WA 98816
 Telephone Number: 509-470-0067 Fax Number: NONE

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WESLEY M. SHERER WMSherer 9/16/18
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APPLICANT STATEMENT

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I have 2 adult children who live year round in the Stehekin valley. It is difficult to arrange to see them, especially in the winter with the current ferry services' limited schedule. Need for more availability.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

Along with the issues stated above, in the busy spring, summer, & fall seasons it is not always possible to attain a reservation on the express service as they fill up.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:

Yes No If yes, please explain.

It would limit the options I and other relatives and friends have to visit family in Stehekin as well as limiting my children's ability to come out to join us for family events.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Gloria Gietl

Business/Organization: NA

Street/Mailing Address: 3775 Greenville Place

City, State, Zip Code: Bellingham WA 98226

Telephone Number: 217-556-7316 Fax Number: NA

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 WE NEED YEAR ROUND SERVICE TO STEHEKIN THAT DOESNT TAKE AS LONG AS WHAT IS AVAILABLE CURRENTLY.


Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.
 THE VESSEL SCHEDULE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT FULLY OUR TRAVEL NEEDS.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain.
 WE WOULD TRAVEL TO STEHEKIN LESS.

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: JEFF DAVIS
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 175
 City, State, Zip Code: CHELAN FALLS, WA 98817
 Telephone Number: 509 682-1302 Fax Number: _____

I understand that this information is being given as the basis for a grant of operating authority by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, an agency of the state of Washington. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.

JEFF DAVIS PRINT NAME  SIGNATURE 9-10-18 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.

I need to be able to have more time in Stehekin on a day trip when the Express isn't available. Backcountry Travel will provide more time to visit.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.
The Express either isn't running or is full.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain. *It would limit our opportunity to go up lake to Stehekin. With more tourists coming to the Chelan Valley, our community has a greater need for options to travel up lake than what is currently available.*

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: LINDA DAVIS
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box 175
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan Falls, WA 98817
 Telephone Number: 509 682-1302 Fax Number: _____

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LINDA DAVIS PRINT NAME *Linda* SIGNATURE Sept 10/2018 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. I have friends that live in the Stehekin area. With my work schedule, there are only certain times that I could make it out to visit. IF there was a commercial ferry service that ran each and every day, I would be able to come visit more often.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. As mentioned before, I have limited time to come visit with my current work schedule. A daily ferry would make it much easier to plan trips to the Stehekin area.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization? Yes No If yes, please explain. I will not be able to come visit the Stehekin area, unless I take time off of work for a longer period than normal. A daily ferry service would fix that problem for me, particularly in the winter months.

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Alexandria Kovacs
 Business/Organization: —
 Street/Mailing Address: 7112 Township Rd 87
 City, State, Zip Code: Thornville OH 43076
 Telephone Number: 740-50321945 Fax Number: —

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Alexandria Kovacs PRINT NAME  SIGNATURE 8/30/18 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.
I am writing on behalf of all tourists who visit Stehekin either once or over many years. We need more than one option for getting to Stehekin.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced.
With the sea plane service gone, we are left with only one way to get there. In the past, I have used the sea plane when I was unable to make the boat.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes X No ___ If yes, please explain. See above. Also, I urge you to consider approving this proposal for a second option again. Need I say that tourists like me are an important part of the Stehekin economy?

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: NADINE DAVIS (Private Citizen/Tourist)
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: 3061 W. 92nd Ave #13A
 City, State, Zip Code: Westminster CO 80031
 Telephone Number: 303-520-5969 Fax Number: _____

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NADINE A DAVIS PRINT NAME Nadine A. Davis SIGNATURE 9/8/18 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted.
We rent a year round cabin in Stehekin. We do not have access on days the Lady isn't running. We also exhibit our artwork at the craft shop as well as the gallery on occasion.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
Yes No If yes, please explain. Without the float plane business we are concerned that we couldn't go when we would like, or if there was a health issue for us or our elderly parents downlake, we would have to limit and restrict the times we could utilize the cabin.

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Sue and Dave Clouse

Business/Organization: Retired

Street/Mailing Address: 2050 1st Creek Road

City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone Number: 509 687-6227 Fax Number: ∅

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Sue Clouse
PRINT NAME

Sue Clouse
SIGNATURE

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. Would provide a choice on how to get to Stehekin and more than one schedule. More competitive rates

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. More competitive rates, not a monopoly by one company.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No If yes, please explain.

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Robert Gruenberg
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1102
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA, 98816
 Telephone Number: 509-470-5649 Fax Number: _____

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Robert Gruenberg PRINT NAME Robert Gruenberg SIGNATURE 9-9-18 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. More competitive rates and more schedules on how to get to and from Stehekin.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No X If not, explain problems you have experienced. There is only one choice so they have a monopoly on what the public will bear

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes ___ No X If yes, please explain. personal only

VERIFICATION
 (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Sandra Gruenbers
 Business/Organization: _____
 Street/Mailing Address: PO Box 1102 Chelan, WA 98816
 City, State, Zip Code: Chelan, WA 98816
 Telephone Number: 509-470-5729 Fax Number: None

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Sandra Gruenberg PRINT NAME Sandra Gruenberg SIGNATURE 9-9-18 DATE

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Applicant Name:
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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. This business would allow me to travel to Stehekin in one day versus the two days it currently takes me.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. With the current transportation services I have had problems with the time it takes me to get to Stehekin. They only run in the mornings which is not a good time for me personally. This business has a ferry runs in at 10am, which fits my transportation needs for getting into Stehekin.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No If yes, please explain. If this business gets denied it would prevent me from visiting Stehekin more times during the year. This business will run everyday even in "off season" whereas the current transportation only runs a couple days a week in "off season." Also it will allow me to spend more time in Stehekin due to the times they will operate.

VERIFICATION

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Name and Title: Ashley Bogantz

Business/Organization: N/A

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City, State, Zip Code: Sunbury, OH 43074

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Ashley Bogantz
PRINT NAME

Ashley Bogantz
SIGNATURE

8-21-18
DATE

APPLICANT STATEMENT

(To be completed by the individual requesting operating authority)

Applicant Name:
Backcountry Travels LLC

Application Docket No.:
TS-180677

THE APPLICATION What authority are you applying for? Include any amendments.
A daily, year round commercial ferry service on Lake Chelan based out of Stehekin WA. The vessel that will be used is a quiet, comfortable and efficient thirty two passenger catamaran. The vessel would leave Stehekin at 10:40am daily and return at 1pm, arriving back in Stehekin at 2:45pm.

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. *Transportation service needed: mid-day ferry pick up at Field's Landing (Field Point). Annual trip to Stehekin. Our hiking club (Hobnailers, Spokane) has to arrive a day ahead + spend the night in Chelan to get the current ferry. We would be able to save time + money if a new ferry service is allowed.*

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes ___ No If not, explain problems you have experienced.

Current ferry schedule requires an overnight stay in Chelan to be able to get the morning ferry at Field's Point

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No ___ If yes, please

explain. *It will keep the cost of our annual trip to Stehekin higher because we have to stay at*
- a motel the night before we get the ferry. With
a mid day departure we could leave Spokane
at a reasonable hour and catch the mid day ferry
- This would save motel + food costs

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Name and

Title: Nancy R Crotty

Business/

Organization: member: Hobnailer's Hiking Club, Spokane WA

Street/Mailing

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City, State, Zip 99224

Code: _____

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Number: _____

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NANCY R CROTTY
PRINT NAME

Nancy R Crotty
SIGNATURE

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IMPORTANT!!!

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SO YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE PROCESSED

Washington law allows the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to grant operating authority only when it is required by the present or future public convenience and necessity. Even though your application is not protested, you need one or more statements from persons proving that your services are needed, otherwise your application will be denied.

When the form is completed by a person supporting your application, send it to the WUTC at the address below. If you desire, a hearing can be scheduled for your witness to appear in support of your application.

Support statements should reach the WUTC **WITHIN 30 DAYS** or the APPLICATION MAY BE DISMISSED. We also suggest that you keep a copy of each statement.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, contact Licensing Services (360) 664-1222.

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. This new vessel would actually be a "service" for traveller and the people of Stehekin. For those traveling long distances it would provide a later departure time from Chelan, for those in Stehekin it would provide an earlier departure time allowing more time for doctor appointments w/o having to spend more money for hotels etc.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. Not really. I often can not go down lake during the summer because I'm working and the time turn around for the current boat is unable to accommodate appointments etc. gets in to town too late and leaves too early. If I go out in the winter it is a minimum of a 2 night hotel stay - costly.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: inconvenient
Yes No If yes, please explain. It is expensive and inconvenient with the current system. We are sequestered and held hostage by the current system - especially in the winter. They make no commuter packs for families - only individuals. They run so infrequently in the winter that some times has to spend 3 nights in a hotel before getting home.

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(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Patricia Schrag
Business/Organization: _____
Street/Mailing Address: P.O. Box
City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin WA 98852
Telephone Number: 509 669 4903 Fax Number: _____

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Patricia M Schrag
PRINT NAME

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

9/16/2018
DATE

Applicant Name: Backcountry Travels LLC	Application Docket No.: TS-180677
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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. I currently own a home in Stehekin and in order to maintain it I need to travel to Stehekin approximately once a month. I work Monday through Friday and can't access my home on the weekends during the winter months. This service would greatly improve travel schedules, frequency, comfort, and organization.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. Overcrowded passenger boats. limited schedule that prevents travel to Stehekin in the off-season. Pro-longed trips due to stops and slower vessels.

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
 Yes No If yes, please explain. I plan to rent my house in Stehekin, and I need to be able to visit to maintain the house. My family also lives there, which is also a personal reason I like to visit.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: Chelsea Courtney

Business/Organization: Chelsea Courtney Artwork and Illustration

Street/Mailing Address: 2 Miles N Stehekin Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Stehekin, WA 98852

Telephone Number: (509) 670-8360 Fax Number: _____

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Chelsea Courtney PRINT NAME Chelsea Courtney SIGNATURE 9/5/18 DATE

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THE TRANSPORTATION NEED Briefly describe the transportation service that you need and that the application could provide to you or your business/organization if this request for operating authority is granted. TRANSPORTATION FROM STEHEKIN TO CHELAN IN THE MORNING TO GIVE TIME TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE AREA TO TRI-CITIES, SPOKANE, AND SEATTLE THE SAME DAY FOR APPOINTMENTS AND RETURN HOME.

Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No If not, explain problems you have experienced. TO GET TO STEHEKIN ON A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WE NEED TO TRAVEL ^{TO CHELAN} THE DAY BEFORE GETTING A RIDE ~~TO~~ LAKE. WE HAVE TO STAY IN AN EXPENSIVE MOTEL (IF AVAILABLE) TO LEAVE BY 8:30 AM ON THE CHELAN LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II. IF WE MISS THAT, WE WAIT A DAY

If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization: Yes No If yes, please explain. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THE LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II ARE TOO FULL FOR TRIPS DOWN LAKE TO CHELAN. WE HAVE WAITED FOR THE CHANCE TO GET ON THE LADY EXPRESS OR LADY II WITHOUT KNOWING IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE STEHEKIN THAT DAY.

VERIFICATION

(To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)

Name and Title: JIMMY D BENNETT

Business/Organization: _____

Street/Mailing Address: 807 SANFORD AVE

City, State, Zip Code: RICHLAND WA 99352

Telephone Number: 541-910-0437 Fax Number: _____

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Jimmy D Bennett
PRINT NAME

Jimmy D Bennett
SIGNATURE

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