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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re Application No. D-079116 of

CWA, INC., D/B/A CENTRAL
WASHINGTON AIRPORTER,

for a Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in
Furnishing Passenger and Express Service as
an Auto Transportation Company

Docket No. TC-021402

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
ALAN R. WALKER
FOR
CWA, INC. D/B/A CENTRAL WASHINGTON AIRPORTER

February 27, 2003

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A. **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS.

A. I am Alan R. Walker, and my address is 800 East Capitol Avenue, Ellensburg, Washington.

Q. DO YOU WORK?

A. Yes.

Q. WHERE DO YOU WORK?

A. I am the Executive Director of the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce in Ellensburg, Washington.

B. **THE PUBLIC NEED FOR CWA'S SERVICE**

Q. HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO SEATTLE OR SEATAC?

A. I travel to Seattle or Sea-Tac between 25 and 30 times per year.

Q. WAS THAT TRAVEL FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE?

A. I traveled there roughly six times per year for business and the balance for pleasure.

Q. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL FROM WHEN YOU ARE HEADING TO SEATTLE OR SEATAC?

A. Ellensburg, Washington.

Q. WHEN YOU TRAVEL TO SEATTLE OR SEATAC, WHAT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION DO YOU USE?

A. I travel by car.

Q. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

A. It takes approximately two hours, depending on traffic.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN AIRPORTER SERVICE IS?

1 A. Yes. It is a service that provides transportation between a designated pick-up location
2 and drop-off location. Drop-off locations are usually situated around mass transport
3 terminals, such as airports, bus stations and rail stations.

4 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SERVICE THAT CWA PLANS TO OFFER
5 UNDER THIS APPLICATION?

6 A. Yes. CWA will offer an airporter service.

7 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCATIONS WHERE CWA PLANS TO SERVE?

8 A. I understand that CWA will serve Yakima, Ellensburg, Cle Elum, Amtrak's Seattle
9 station and Sea-Tac Airport.

10 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH CWA'S PROPOSED SERVICE SCHEDULE?

11 A. I know they are planning to operate four round-trips each day, but I do not know the
12 scheduled times.

13 Q. DO YOU NEED A SERVICE LIKE THAT PROPOSED BY CWA FOR BUSINESS
14 OR PERSONAL TRAVEL?

15 A. Yes, I would consider using CWA's service.

16 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO GAUGE THE
17 PUBLIC'S NEED FOR CWA'S SERVICE?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. DO YOU KNOW OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE A NEED FOR CWA'S SERVICE OR
20 WOULD CONSIDER USING IT?

21 A. Yes. This service would be beneficial to many people residing in the Ellensburg area and
22 those visiting.

23 Q. BASED ON THESE FACTORS, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A PUBLIC
24 NEED FOR CWA'S SERVICE?

25 A. Yes.

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1 C. GREYHOUND'S SERVICE IS UNSATISFACTORY

2 Q. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF GREYHOUND?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHAT SERVICE GREYHOUND PROVIDES IN YOUR AREA?

5 A. Yes, to a degree.

6 Q. WHAT SERVICE IS THAT?

7 A. Greyhound provides bus transportation to many locations throughout the U.S.

8 Q. HAVE YOU EVER USED THAT SERVICE OR CONSIDERED USING IT?

9 A. No.

10 Q. WHY NOT?

11 A. It takes too long to get to Sea-Tac airport, due to the fact that you must switch buses in
12 Seattle.

13 Q. DO YOU KNOW HOW OFTEN GREYHOUND'S SERVICE RUNS TO DOWNTOWN
14 SEATTLE FROM WHERE YOU LIVE OR WORK?

15 A. It runs seven or eight times daily.

16 Q. DOES GREYHOUND'S SCHEDULE AND ROUTE MEET YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS?

17 A. Their schedule might meet my needs, but its route would not, and the quality of service
18 would not.

19 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

20 A. Yes.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
2 the foregoing is true and correct.

3 EXECUTED this ____ day of February, 2003 at _____(city) in
4 _____County, Washington.

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Alan R. Walker

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