



DOCKET TC-060177 Passenger Transportation Companies - Rate Methodology Discussions

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Workshop #1

**April 27, 2006 – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Commission Headquarters, Olympia, WA
Hearing Room, #206**

8:45-9:30 Registration, Handouts and Coffee

9:30-9:45 Meeting Opening

1. Welcome & Introductions – Facilitator: Dennis Moss
2. Purpose of today's meeting
 - a. 1st workshop will focus on the current market conditions and how they relate to ratemaking methodologies and fuel surcharges
3. Review information packet
 - a. Agenda & ground rules
 - b. Stakeholder comments matrix

9:45-10:45 Understanding the current auto transportation market place

- Is there a competitive market in the auto transportation industry?
- a. If so, what does it look like? Is there data available?
 2. Define the difference between competition within the regulatory system and competition outside of UTC regulation (e.g., overlapping territory v other public transportation or taxi's, etc.).
 3. Does the industry have other information for the commission to consider relating to the current market conditions facing the auto transportation industries?

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Ratemaking methodologies

- Discuss stakeholders' ratemaking methodologies using the comment matrix.
 - a. Would the proposal work for the other regulated companies?
 - b. How does the proposal compare to current statutory requirements?

12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

- 1:30-2:30** **Continue ratemaking methodologies discussion**
- 2:30-3:30** **Ratemaking methodologies used at the UTC - discussion**
1. Operating ratio
 2. Rate of return
 3. Banded rates
 4. Deferred Accounting
- 3:30-3:45** **Break**
- 3:45-4:15** **Industry changes?**
1. How does the current entry standard (public convenience and necessity) affect the commission's choice of an appropriate rate setting methodology?"
 2. What legislative change(s) might be necessary to implement the various proposed rate setting proposals?
- 4:15-4:30** **Closing – Next Steps**

Next Steps:

Second Workshop will be held on June 1, 2006. The discussion will be focused on statutory ratemaking, entry and competitive issues.

Third Workshop will be held on June 16, 2006. This workshop will focus on whether the commission should draft rules or a policy statement for ratemaking and whether the commission should propose legislative changes.