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Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive. S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: **DOCKET TC-160054**

To Whom It May Concern:



Spokane Transit Authority is in receipt of the referenced docket for temporary auto transportation authority submitted by Point to Point Shuttle, LLC.

Spokane Transit does not object to the filing; however, we believe it is important to note that the proposed shuttle service would, at least in part, duplicate existing fixed route bus service provided by Spokane Transit via its Route 61 Highway 2 via Browne's Addition route, and do so at a higher rate to the customer.

Point to Point Shuttle, LLC indicates in their initial application that their primary purpose will be to serve students attending the United States Air Force Survival School located on Fairchild Air Force Base at a minimum cost of \$7.50 per ride. Point to Point Shuttle, LLC indicates that students are limited to taxis as their primary means to leave the base.

While Spokane Transit does not serve the Survival School directly, Route 61 is available from the Fairchild front gate every half hour during weekdays and hourly on nights and weekends. The Route 61 also serves the Base Exchange (BX) on select trips during weekdays. Existing STA bus service provides direct service to the City of Airway Heights, Northern Quest Casino, the Rusty Moose and downtown Spokane; all destinations Point to Point indicates they intend to serve. Additionally, passengers may transfer to connect with the Route 60 which serves Spokane International Airport. Spokane Transit charges a one-way cash fare, with two-hour pass, for \$1.50. A day pass may also be purchased for \$3.50.

Spokane Transit Authority thanks the Utilities and Transportation Commission for this opportunity to comment on Docket TC-160054.

Regards,

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