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Re: Arrow Launch Service, Inc. // BC-97 // Rate Filing

Commissioners:

I am writing not on the behalf of Arrow Launch or Tote Services, but my personal interests.

The service that Arrow Launch provides is integral to the economies to Washington and Alaska more so. To accomplish the maintenance necessary to maintain the Tote vessels Midnight Sun and North Star, the ability to embark (or disembark) personal at Port Angeles is integral to the vessel maintenance program. The addition of 5 hours maintenance on the way in and 5 more on the way out from Tacoma allows for maintenance and repair that does not quite fit in the 10 hour dockside window while Tacoma. Without this service, the cost to customers in western Washington state and Alaska would not only be monetary. Another factor to be considered is the erosion of the express service that my employer offers to Alaska. This would be critical in that Tote handles medical, perishable commodities and other time sensitive cargos that Alaska requires for mere existence.

Overall, I am speaking for myself when it is in the best interest that Arrow Launch's services exists. If this service is not allowed to raise their rates to counter the costs that have been incurred by inflation and fuel costs, this business will not last long. The extra costs along with degradation of liner service will be passed on and felt by the people of Washington state. As a port engineer for Tote Services, this will impede my ability to do my job thus leading to the previous mentioned situation to impact the citizens of Washington state and Alaska.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me.

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