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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: San Juan Express, Inc.
Certificate No. BC-117
Request to *Temporarily* Discontinue Ferry Service to Rosario

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT
03 MAY 15 AM 8:38
STATE OF WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Our client, San Juan Express, Inc. (“SJE”), holds Certificate No. BC-117 which, among other routes, allows for passenger and freight ferry service between Seattle and Orcas Island, specifically Rosario. Pursuant to WAC 480-51-130, San Juan Express, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant SJE permission to temporarily discontinue providing its commercial ferry service to Rosario under its Certificate No. BC-117.

SJE’s reasons for requesting the temporary discontinuance to Rosario are as follows:

1. Discretionary travel to premium-priced destinations near international waters appears disfavored during this period of international hostilities and threats.
2. Insufficient passenger volume to warrant the service during a recession. Overall demand to the San Juan Islands has declined over the past three (3) years.

and

3. Inordinate costs of operation, including Rosario Resort’s decision to commence charging for dock use.

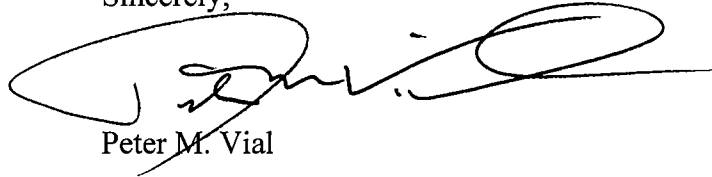
SJE understands that pursuant to WAC 480-51-130 the Commission will not grant permission for discontinuance of service for periods exceeding twelve months. Accordingly,

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SJE requests that the Commission grant them temporary discontinuance to Rosario for twelve (12) months.

Please place SJE's Request to Temporarily Discontinue Ferry Service to Rosario on the Agenda for the next Commission meeting consistent with complying with notice requirements. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter M. Vial", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Peter M. Vial

PMV:sfp

cc: Darrell E. Bryan, San Juan Express, Inc.
Mark J. Richardson, San Juan Express, Inc.