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By facsimile to (360) 586-1150
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Carol Washburn
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Permit No. BC-120 Request for Permission to Temporarily Suspend Service

Dear Carol Washburn:

Pursuant to WAC 480-51-130 and -140, I respectfully request that effective May 4, 2004 the Commission authorize a suspension of service under the above permit until May 5, 2005 in order to enable San Juan Island Shuttle Express, Inc. sufficient time to locate and negotiate an agreement for the use of a vessel to be operated under the permit.

Because the lease expenses and other operational expenses of the vessel previously utilized under the permit did not allow for a fair and sustainable profit to the company, the company is unable to offer service at this time and it is necessary to request this suspension of service. The company has not been able to negotiate an acceptable agreement for use of a suitable vessel, and respectfully asks that this request be granted in order to allow time for San Juan Island Shuttle Express to negotiate a lease for an appropriate and sufficient vessel.

I believe that such a temporary suspension will not adversely affect the public because parallel service is offered by another company under permit number BC-95. If an immediate need for commercial ferry service should arise, the company is prepared to resume service.

A copy of this letter has been posted to notify the public of this request and suspension.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Goodman, President

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