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March 23, 2009

Via Facsimile (360) 586-1150 – and US Mail

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

Re: San Juan Express, Inc.  
Certificate No. BC-117  
Request to **TEMPORARILY** Discontinue Ferry Service to Friday Harbor

Dear Ms. Washburn:

San Juan Express, Inc. ("SJE") holds Certificate No. BC-117 which, among other routes, allows for passenger and freight ferry service between Seattle and Friday Harbor.

San Juan Express, Inc., pursuant to WAC 480-51-130, respectfully requests that the Commission grant SJE permission to temporarily discontinue providing its commercial ferry service to Friday Harbor under its Certificate No. BC-117.

SJE's reason for requesting the temporary discontinuance to Friday Harbor is due to the non-availability of a vessel. Clipper Navigation, Inc. has committed to a short term bareboat charter to C-Port Marine Services. C-Port has a contract to provide ferry service for the U.S. Navy for the period of 16 April through 16 November 2009. The vessel will transport Navy personnel from the Navy facility in Everett to the Puget Sound Naval shipyard in Bremerton.

San Juan Express, Inc. has been unable to locate a suitable replacement vessel for the Seattle to Friday Harbor ferry service.

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, SJE requests that the Commission grant them temporary discontinuance to Friday Harbor for the twelve (12) month period 22 May 2009 – 21 May 2010.

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

Sincerely,

Darrell E. Bryan  
President & CEO

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**Clipper Navigation, Inc.**

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## IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

San Juan Express, Inc. has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for permission to delay its passenger-only ferry service on the Seattle / Friday Harbor Route until 21 May 2010.

If you have any questions about the suspension of service, please contact the Clipper Navigation, Inc. offices at 206-443-2560.

The UTC has the authority to allow or deny this request. If the UTC denies the request, San Juan Express, Inc. may lose its commercial ferry permit and will no longer have authority to operate a commercial ferry on this route.

If you would like to comment on this filing or have questions about the UTC's process, please use the contact information below.

You can make comments:

- In-person at an open meeting in Olympia     TBD
- By using the "Public Comment" features on the UTC website, at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>.
- In writing to the address below, by     TBD
- By telephone at 1-800-562-6150
- By telephone conference bridge. This option allows you to participate by telephone at the open meeting. To use the bridge line you must call the UTC at 1-360-664-1234, at least one day before the open meeting for a reservation and instructions.

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This letter is to advise you that San Juan Express, Inc. a subsidiary of Clipper Navigation, Inc., will not be operating a Seattle/San Juan Island ferry service during the 2009 season. This summer, the US Navy will be using the Victoria Clipper III and several other similar vessels from California and Alaska to ferry Navy personnel from their home base in Everett, WA over to the Puget Sound Naval shipyard in Bremerton for work on the USS Abraham Lincoln Aircraft carrier. As there are no other satisfactory vessels available that fit our requirements for providing a quality service at reasonable prices, we have suspended the operation for this summer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to your or your customers, but assure you we will resume service in May of 2010.

Clipper Vacations will be providing some options for those passengers who are interested in Whale Watching or spending time at Friday Harbor. Please contact our reservation desk at 800-888-2535 for more information or your usual contact here at Clipper.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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