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RE: Request for Waiver of WAC 480-31-100

Hopelink is currently regulated by the commission as a private non-profit transportation provide under certificate C-910.

Recently, we were notified of a change in marking requirements where an intrastate USDOT number would need to be displayed on our vehicles.

As you may know, some of our vehicles provide direct service to passengers with special needs on established King County Metro routes. However, our service is NOT limited to special needs passengers. We provide the DART service for King County. This is a deviated fixed route service open to the general public.

We are asking for an exception to the marking requirements of WAC 480-31-110 because of contractual agreements, the possible embarrassment to the persons with special transportation needs, and unintended confusion by other passengers.

As a further complication to this matter, King County Metro will actually be the legal owner of these buses at the end of our five year contract.

At the UTC prompting we have applied for and been given a new intrastate USDOT number. We have been assigned 1968060 as our number.

Please consider our request to be exempted from the name and number requirements of this regulation. I can be reached at 425-943-6757 if you have any questions.

Regards



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