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Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC PO Box 1813 Vashon, WA 98070

Dear Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC:

We have received your application for a name change. Our understanding of the circumstances surrounding your request are as follows:

- In 1997, the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) granted a certificate to Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC (Pacific Northwest), to operate as an auto transportation company under certificate C-1047.
- On November 29, 2007, UTC approved the sale and transfer of A&B Peninsula Airporter, LLC, an auto transportation company holding certificate C-1083, to Pacific Northwest.
- At the time of the transfer, UTC could have combined the two certificates (C-1047 and C-1083) into one certificate (C-1047, Pacific Northwest's original certificate). However, this did not happen.
- Pacific Northwest, has held two separate certificates (C-1047 and C-1083) since the transfer in 2007.
- Pacific Northwest would now like to combine the two certificates into one certificate.
- Pacific Northwest would like to add the trade name of "Sound Airporter" onto their certificate.

Pacific Northwest has submitted an application for a name change in order to request UTC to combine the two certificates.

After consulting with our legal staff, we have determined that an application is not necessary to combine the two certificates. UTC can combine the two certificates as an administrative matter. However, Pacific Northwest will need to submit a voluntary cancellation for certificate C-1083. Staff can then combine the two certificates into C-1047 and cancel C-1083. And if you are adding the trade name of "Sound Airporter", it must be registered under your master business license. You can contact the Master Licensing Service at 1-800-451-7985 for assistance.

Enclosed is a voluntary cancellation request form. Please complete the form and return it to us at your earliest convenience. Once we have received the form, we will combine the certificates into C-1047 and cancel C-1083.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Tina Leipski at (360)664-1170, or by email at tleipski@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Pratt

Assistant Director

Transportation Safety

Enclosure

From: Trautman, Greg (UTC)

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 1:20 PM

To: Elliott, Vicki (UTC) **Cc:** Leipski, Tina (UTC)

Subject: Consolidating auto certificates C-1047 and C-1083.

Vicki, I believe that the two auto certificates here (C-1047 and C-1083) can be consolidated as an administrative matter. I don't think a name change application is necessary because, as you have indicated, there is now only one company, Pacific Northwest Distributing, which in 2007 purchased and acquired the rights that had been held by a second company, A&B Peninsula Airporter, with Commission approval. You have indicated that at both the Department of Licensing and the Secretary of State's office, there is now only one company recognized—Pacific Northwest Distributing. It appears that the two certificates could have been consolidated as an administrative matter in 2007, when Pacific Northwest acquired the rights previously held by A&B Peninsula Airporter. I haven't found anything in the statutes that would preclude consolidating the two certificates as an administrative matter now, or that would require any further application or proceeding to do so.

Greg

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