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Ms. Amanda Maxwell  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Beeline Tours Ltd dba Seattle Express (Certificate C-001052) seeks to establish new base fares to allow for the recovery of necessary business expenses.

Seattle Express implemented flexible fares on December 9, 2015. However, following the adoption of flexible fares, the company requested to increase its max fares only once. On March 29, 2022, the company filed a request with the commission to increase its max fares by five percent, which became effective on May 1, 2022. This increase has been insufficient to "recover all costs associated with providing passenger service, including, but not limited to, fuel costs, tolls, ferry fares, surcharges, and taxes."

Therefore, pursuant to WAC 480-30-420(10) and WAC 480-30-426, Seattle Express is filing a revised tariff to reset its base fares, allowing for the recovery of necessary business expenses, and providing an opportunity to earn the authorized return. Seattle Express' current authorized banded rates are not sufficient to cover the inflationary expenses that have affected all businesses post-pandemic. Specifically, Seattle Express has experienced increased administrative costs, taxes, repair and fuel costs, and labor costs, which include the Seattle area \$18.69 minimum wage effective January 1, 2023.

Proposed revised tariff page 4 of Tariff #5 is enclosed. If approved by the Commission, the overall revenue requirement increase request reflected in this filing would be approximately \$546,000 (or 45 percent). Supporting workpapers, as required by WAC 480-30-426, are enclosed, along with the customer notice that was posted on the company's website on May 30, 2023.

Please send any questions to me at [ann@kalahikiconsulting.com](mailto:ann@kalahikiconsulting.com) or call 360.561.9717.

Sincerely,

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