

April 13, 2001

**LETTER INFORMING PARTIES OF TIME AND PLACE OF
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

(April 27, 2001)

Re: Docket No's TS-001774, TS-002054, and TS-002055, regarding Applications of B-078937 of Dutchman Marine; B-078945 of Seattle Ferry Service, LLC; and B-078946 of Seattle Harbor Tours Limited Partnership.

TO ALL PARTIES:

The parties requested a settlement conference in this matter. The Commission has assigned Administrative Law Judge Karen Caillé as a settlement judge to preside at the conference. The Commission has contacted each of the parties regarding a proposed date for the conference. All the parties report that they can attend the settlement conference on the proposed date, except for the City of Seattle.

It is often difficult in multiparty litigation to arrange a time that is convenient for all parties. Rescheduling often becomes difficult, facing the same challenges. Given the schedule of this proceeding, the Commission fears that rescheduling could interfere with the hearing and impede rather than assist in the timely resolution of issues.

In addition, it appears that the concerns raised by the City of Seattle may not directly address -- with the exception of factual matters on which the City may present evidence -- the applicants' fitness, willingness, or abilities to provide the service. The remaining parties may address matters unrelated to the City's interests, and may discuss and seek agreement among themselves on matters related to the City's interests with the understanding that the City is not bound by any such agreement. Therefore, the Commission desires to proceed with the schedule set out below.

The conference will be held at 9:30 a.m., on April 27, 2001, in the Training Room at the Attorney General's Office, Bank of California Building, 900 4th Avenue, Seattle, Washington. If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Law Judge William E. Hendricks, at (360) 664-1348 or thendric@wutc.wa.gov, or Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, at (360) 664-1164 or dmoss@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. HENDRICKS
Administrative Law Judge