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To: All Concerned

Rocket submits the enclosed attachment for the previously submitted proposal to Increase Operating Authority into Poulsbo.

For the first time since inception, we are seeking an Auto Transportation Operating Authority modification. Currently our service is closed door from the Hood Canal Bridge through to Tacoma, SeaTac, and Seattle. Yet, we regularly receive calls from travelers trying to go from Poulsbo to SeaTac which is an area served by Kitsap Airporter. However, Kitsap Airporter's only Poulsbo stop is at Keyport Junction which is 4 miles South of Olhava Way where we commonly take a bathroom break, and 12 miles south of S Bridge Way NE, the farthest stop north on our path of travel through Poulsbo that has no cover nor restroom only a Jefferson Transit bus stop sign. We wish to add a single stop in Poulsbo at one of two possible flexible locations. adding travelers willing to pay our BASE Fare Zone in order to get service closer to home with a faster travel time eliminating all of Kitsap Airporter's stops.

Three reasons why I think this would not interfere with Kitsap Airporter's business. First, the people that would use it are not currently taking the Kitsap Airporter because by the time they get a friend to drive them 15 miles to Keyport Junction, why not just drive the extra hour directly to SeaTac instead of waiting for the Airporter to take them in two hours? Second, our rate is \$75 vs Kitsap's \$30; anyone wanting to save money would take Kitsap. Lastly, our vans are small, able to take 11-14 passengers maximum and we would limit these bookings to five days prior to travel in order to prioritize our client base.

Note that when preparing our last Tariff change in 2015, I asked Kitsap Airporter's Owner Mr. Asche if he would allow us to provide this service into Poulsbo. He declined strongly, so I suggested he expand his services farther north to meet the needs we were hearing about from his customers... but eight years later, that has not happened. If Kitsap Airporter doesn't desire to serve these particular travelers' needs, I hope you would give us the opportunity to help them.

To comment regarding this submission, please contact the Utilities and Transportation Commission. This contact may be in person, by telephone, or via the internet. This contact information is current as of submission, but may change.

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