## **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., d/b/a CAPITAL AEROPORTER TOURS & CHARTERS; AIRPORT SHUTTLE; CAPITAL CITY CHARTERS

for extension of service under passenger transportation company certificate C000862.

DOCKET TC-200945

ORDER 01

GRANTING APPLICATION; AMENDING CERTIFICATE C000862

# BACKGROUND

I On November 23, 2020, Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc., d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Tours & Charters; Airport Shuttle; Capital City Charters (the Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application requesting an extension of authority under certificate of public convenience and necessity C000862 to provide the following service:

> DOOR-TO-DOOR PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and points within King County (Excluding Vashon and Maury Island), Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties, and Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM).

DOOR-TO-DOOR PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN: the Seattle Waterfront Piers and points within King County (Excluding Vashon and Maury Island), Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM).

SCHEDULED PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN: Scheduled Passenger Service between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, downtown Seattle Hotels and Seattle Waterfront Piers.

- 2 The application appeared on the December 8, 2020, application docket. The application was unopposed.
- On December 17, 2020, the Port of Seattle (Port) filed a comment letter regarding the Company's application for extension of authority, requesting that Commission Staff (Staff) work in partnership with the Port to implement a competitive process regarding

the grant of permanent authority to provide auto transportation services at Sea-Tac International Airport and Port maritime terminals.

- 4 In support of its request to extend its authority, the Company provided several letters from members of the public who live in the communities involved. The letters indicate a need for service that is not currently served on the route.
- 5 After reviewing the application, Commission Staff (Staff) determined that the application complies with the Commission's requirements for permanent auto transportation authority and recommends that the Commission grant the Company's application.

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

- 6 The Commission, having considered the application and being fully advised, finds that the Company is fit, willing, and able to provide the proposed extended service and that the proposed service extension is necessary and will be a convenience to the public.
- 7 The Commission appreciates the Port's comments in this matter and continues to encourage its Staff to communicate with the Port regarding future auto transportation services at Port facilities.

### ORDER

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The application for an extension of authority filed by the Company in this docket is granted. The Company's certificate C000862 is amended as provided in Appendix A to this order.
- 9 (2) The portion of temporary authority previously granted under TC-200927 Order 01 is canceled in accordance with WAC 480-30-156(7).
- 10 (2) The tariffs and time schedules for the Company filed in connection with this application will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the service date of this Order.
- 11 The Commission has delegated authority to the Secretary to enter this Order under RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-905(6)(c).

DATED at Lacey, Washington and effective January 20, 2021.

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.

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## APPENDIX A

Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc., d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Tours & Charters; Airport Shuttle; Capital City Charters P.O. Box 2163 Olympia, WA 98507 Certificate No. C000862

PASSENGER SERVICE between Thurston, Mason, Lewis, and Grays Harbor Counties and the cruise terminals on the Seattle waterfront via Sea-Tac Airport.

### 1. CITY OF SEATAC - PASSENGER SERVICE:

BETWEEN the city of SeaTac and points in Grays Harbor County, Mason County, Lewis County, Thurston County, and that portion of Pierce County south of American Lake and 192nd Street East; East of Sumner, Puyallup River, and Horse Haven Creek; west of Ft. Lewis, and northwest of Tacoma via Interstate 5, state highways, and local roads and streets. (No service will be provided between SeaTac and Gig Harbor, Purdy, Ft. Lewis, McChord Air Force Base, Elbe, Ashford, Longmire and Mount Rainier.)

### 2. SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - PASSENGER SERVICE:

The following authority also authorizes service to or from hotels and motels located along SR-99 between South 170th Street and South 200th Street in King County.

A. BETWEEN the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and the Cities of Tacoma, Fife and Federal Way.

LIMITATIONS: Service is restricted to closed door operations between the Cities of Tacoma, Fife or Federal Way and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and further restricted against service to or from the following points within the city limits of the City of Tacoma as of December 14, 1984, which are specifically authorized to Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc., under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 903: Denny's Restaurant at 5924 - 6th Avenue in Tacoma.

B. BETWEEN: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and the cities of Kent, Tukwila, Auburn, Algona, Pacific, Sumner, Puyallup, Parkland, Lakewood, and Steilacoom, and Pacific Lutheran University.

LIMITATIONS: All passenger service must originate or terminate at either the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport or at motels and hotels located along SR-99 between South 170th and South 200th Streets in King County. No service is authorized between the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Boeing Field.

#### 3. KING COUNTY AIRPORT (BOEING FIELD) - PASSENGER SERVICE:

BETWEEN: The King County Airport (Boeing Field) and Chehalis, Centralia, Tumwater, Olympia, and Lacey, via Interstate Highway No. 5, State Road No. 518, and State Road No. 99, serving the intermediate and off-route points of: The Red Lion Hotel Tacoma, 8402 Hosmer Street South, Days Inn, 6802 Tacoma Mall Boulevard; Motel 6, 1811 South 76th Street, and the Tacoma Mall all located in the city of Tacoma.

BETWEEN: The King County Airport (Boeing Field) and Shelton, Auburn, Algona, Pacific, Sumner, Puyallup, Parkland, Lakewood, Steilacoom, Pacific Lutheran University, Howard Johnson Tacoma Inn, 8736 Hosmer Street South, and 2406 South 38th Street (Tacoma). This authority also authorizes service to or from hotels and motels located along SR-99 between South 170th Street and South 200th Street in King County.

LIMITATIONS: All passenger service must originate or terminate at the King County Airport (Boeing Field) or at motels and hotels located along SR-99 between South 170th and South 200th Streets in King County. No service is authorized between the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Boeing Field.

#### 4. OLYMPIA REGIONAL AIRPORT - PASSENGER SERVICE

BETWEEN: The Olympia Regional Airport and, Centralia, Maytown, Tumwater, Olympia, The Evergreen State College and Lacey with door-to-door service to points within a 5-mile radius of the above-named points with all passenger and express service to originate or terminate at the Olympia Regional airport.

### 5. AMTRAK RAILWAY STATIONS - PASSENGER SERVICE

BETWEEN: Amtrak Railway Stations at or near Tacoma and Seattle and Olympia, Lacey, Fort Lewis, McChord Air Force Base, Federal Way or Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

LIMITATIONS: Service is restricted to rail passengers and their baggage. The authority granted herein may not be tacked with any other authority possessed or acquired by this carrier, except as specifically authorized.

6. USE OF TRAILERS. The holder of this certificate may operate a two-wheeled trailer having a gross licensed weight of not to exceed 2,000 pounds when such a trailer is used to carry baggage or express and is towed by a vehicle in which passengers are being transported.

7. COMBINED OPERATIONS. Operations under this certificate may be combined in one vehicle for operational convenience of the carrier.

LIMITATIONS: No service is authorized that combines door-to-door and scheduled

service.

8. DOOR-TO-DOOR PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and points within King County (Excluding Vashon and Maury Island), Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap Counties, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM).

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