

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of

BREMERTON-KITSAP AIRPORTER,
INC., d/b/a BREMERTON-KITSAP
AIRPORTER; FT. LEWIS/MCCHORD
AIRPORTER/THE SOUND
CONNECTION,

for Extension of Service Under Passenger
Transportation Company Certificate
C000903.

DOCKET TC-210206

ORDER 01

GRANTING APPLICATION;
AMENDING CERTIFICATE
C000903

BACKGROUND

1 On March 29, 2021, Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc., d/b/a Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Ft. Lewis/McChord Airporter (Bremerton-Kitsap or 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 C000903 to provide the following service:

SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN: Existing points in Kitsap County, points in Lacey (Thurston County), Dupont, Lakewood and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (Pierce County).

2 The application appeared on the April 8, 2021, application docket. The application was unopposed, however on May 7, 2021 comments were filed on behalf of Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc, d/b/a Capital Aeroporter (Capital Aeroporter).

3 Capital Aeroporter listed concerns regarding service to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) and asserted that the Company had not resumed any active service to JBLM since suspending service on March 26, 2020 in docket TC-200260 due to the conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

4 On May 17, 2021, Bremerton-Kitsap responded that they had resumed service to the base as allowed by current military pandemic response actions. Previous service to the base had been interrupted by more stringent pandemic restrictions that have since been lifted.

- 5 Capital Aeroporter also expressed concern that the support statements provided by the Company in the initial application were insufficient to demonstrate the public convenience and necessity of the application, as well as that the Installation Transportation Officer who submitted a support statement on behalf of JBLM was as on May 7, 2021 no longer employed by the base.
- 6 Subsequently, on May 10, 2021, staff confirmed with the replacement JBLM Transportation Officer that the original statement provided by the base was indeed accurate and that the base still supported Bremerton-Kitsap's application. The company also received a letter of support on behalf of the United Services Organizations (USO) Northwest at SeaTac Center, illustrating the need for the extension for service members who arrive at SeaTac airport and need transportation to the base.
- 7 After reviewing the application, Commission Staff (Staff) determined that the application complies with the Commission's requirements for an extension of auto transportation authority and recommends that the Commission grant the Company's application.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 8 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.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The application for a temporary extension of authority filed by the Company in this docket is granted. The Company's certificate C000903 is amended as provided in Appendix A to this order.
- 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 May 21, 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.

APPENDIX A

Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc.
d/b/a Ft. Lewis/McChord Airporter/
The Sound Connection
PO Box 1255
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Certificate No.
C000903

PASSENGER AND EXPRESS SERVICE

BETWEEN: Poulsbo and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, via SR 305, SR 3, SR 16 and I-5; or as alternate routes for convenience of the carrier, any combination of SR 305, SR 3, SR 304, SR 160, SR 16, Washington State Ferry Docks at Winslow, Bremerton, Southworth, Seattle or Fauntleroy, SR 99, I-5, SR 509, SR 513 and SR 518, including connecting streets and roads.

SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN:

Existing points in Kitsap County, points in Lacey (Thurston County), Dupont, Lakewood, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (Pierce County).

LIMITATIONS: 1. No local service is authorized.

2. Service between the corner of Bantz Blvd. and Sixth Ave. in Tacoma and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is restricted to closed- door operations.

3. Service when utilizing alternate routes is restricted to closed-door operations unless otherwise authorized in this certificate.

BETWEEN: Fort Lewis, McChord Air Force Base, Lakewood Holiday Inn Express and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport via I-5 and SR 99, including connecting streets and roads.

LIMITATIONS:

1. No local service is authorized.

2. Service between Fort Lewis, McChord Air Force Base, and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is restricted to closed-door operations.