

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TS-081877
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 03
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
LAKE CHELAN RECREATION,)	
INC., BC 34)	
)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Respondent.)	OF TIME TO FILE RATE CASE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 15, 2008, Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc., (Lake Chelan Recreation or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its Time Schedule 34. The filing proposed to eliminate Sunday ferry service from January 1 to March 31 and to eliminate Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday ferry service from March 15 to March 31. The Company cited decreased ridership and increasing costs, and sought to reduce its days of operation rather than increase fares for ferry service.
- 2 On November 26, 2008, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions were fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 3 Although Commission Staff’s review of the Company’s proposed changes, including a review of the Company’s supporting financial documents, books and records, indicated that the proposed time schedule changes were reasonable, Staff recommended that Company’s operations and current fares should be re-examined in a full rate case. The Commission, by Order 02 issued in this docket, ordered the Company to file a full rate case no later than February 27, 2009, using calendar year 2008 as the twelve-month test period.
- 4 On February 4, 2009, the Company filed a letter requesting the Commission to extend the filing date from February 27, 2009, to March 15, 2009. The Company states that it does not have all available costs, such as, insurance, property taxes and other items that will

affect the expenses of 2009. Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including commercial ferries companies. *RCW 81.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.08, RCW 81.12, RCW 81.16 and RCW 81.84.*
- 6 (2) Lake Chelan Recreation is a commercial ferry company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 26, 2009.
- 8 (4) After reviewing Lake Chelan Recreation's request for an extension of time to file its full rate case, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that extending the due date to March 15, 2009, is reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Extends the due date for Lake Chelan Recreation, Inc., to file a full rate case from February 27, 2009, to March 15, 2009.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 26, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary