

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TC-131154
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER 02
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
WICKKISER INTERNATIONAL	)	
COMPANIES, INC. DBA	)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
AIRPORTER SHUTTLE, C-933	)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
	)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING REVISED
Respondent.	)	TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On June 17, 2013, Wickkiser International Companies, Inc., dba Airporter Shuttle (Wickkiser or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 9. The Company proposed to increase charges and rates for service it provides by approximately \$500,000, or 12.1 percent. The requested effective date was July 15, 2013, which the Company extended to July 27, 2013, by letter filed on July 9, 2013.
- 2     The Company provides passenger transportation service to and from Sea-Tac International Airport (Sea-Tac) for nearly 150,000 passengers in multiple counties and cities north of the airport to the Canadian border. According to Wickkiser’s filing, fares for one-way service to or from Sea-Tac and Bellingham would increase by \$3.00 (8.9 percent); Burlington would increase by \$3.00 (10 percent); Ferndale would increase by \$5.00 (13.6 percent); and Marysville would increase by \$2.00 (8.4 percent). The Company would discount round-trip tickets by 10 percent and offer discounts to seniors, military personnel, and youth passengers. Wickkiser’s last fare increase was in 2005.
- 3     On July 26, 2013, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, pending an investigation to determine whether the proposed revisions were fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

## DISCUSSION

- 4 Commission Staff has completed its review of Wickkiser's books and records. Staff's analysis showed that the proposed rates were not fair, just, reasonable, or sufficient. Commission Staff recomputed Wickkiser's additional annual revenue based on filed rates and determined that the Company's actual additional annual revenue was only approximately \$442,000, or 10.6 percent. Even so, the majority of the fare increases described in the original filing would remain the same, and on August 6, 2013, Wickkiser filed revised rates.
- 5 The Company has demonstrated that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the Company's operations, that the Company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges would generate the revised revenue requirement.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including auto transportation companies.
- 7 (2) Wickkiser is an auto transportation company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2013.
- 9 (4) The proposed tariff revisions presently under suspension would result in rates that are not fair, just, reasonable, or sufficient. Staff and the Company agreed to a revised rate structure. On August 6, 2013, Wickkiser filed revised rates at Staff recommended levels. The revised rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because the Company has demonstrated the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the Company's operation, the Company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges would generate the revised revenue requirement.

- 10 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Wickkiser filed in Docket TC-131154 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TC-131154, and allow the revised tariff revisions filed on August 6, 2013, to become effective on August 16, 2013.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TC-131154, entered on July 26, 2013, is dismissed.
- 12 (2) The revised tariff revisions Wickkiser International Companies, Inc., dba Airporter Shuttle filed in this docket on August 6, 2013, shall become effective on August 16, 2013.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 15, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner