

Agenda Date: August 15, 2013
Item Number: B1

Docket: TC-131154
Company Name: Wickkiser International Companies, Inc. C-933
dba Airporter Shuttle

Staff: Mike Young, Regulatory Analyst
Roger Kouchi, Consumer Protection Staff

Recommendation

Dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Wickkiser International Companies, Inc., dba Airporter Shuttle on June 17, 2013, and allow the revised rates filed August 6, 2013, to become effective August 16, 2013.

Discussion

On June 17, 2013, Wickkiser International Companies, Inc., dba Airporter Shuttle (Wickkiser or company) filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) that would generate approximately \$442,000 (10.6 percent) additional annual revenue. The company provides passenger transportation to and from Sea-Tac International Airport from points in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties. The company's last general rate increase was effective August 4, 2005.

This filing was prompted by increases in labor and fuel costs and Port of Seattle Trip fees. The company filed revised rates on August 6, 2013. The company projected \$500,000 in additional annual revenue, but staff recomputed the company's additional annual revenue using revised rates and determined the actual additional annual revenue to be approximately \$442,000. The revised fare increases generate a 93.3 percent operating ratio.

Staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operations. It is staff's opinion that the company's financial information supports staff's revised revenue requirement and that the revised fares are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Rate Comparison

Sample One-Way Fares To Sea-Tac From:	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	Increase	Percent Increase
Ferndale	\$37.00	\$42.00	\$5.00	13.6%
Bellingham	\$34.00	\$37.00	\$3.00	8.9%
Burlington	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$3.00	10%
Marysville	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$2.00	8.4%

Customer Comments

On June 17, 2013, the company notified its customers of a proposed rate increase. To date, no comments regarding the proposed rate increase have been received.

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