

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

In the Matter of Fees to be Paid by ) DOCKET TE-071858  
Charter Party and Excursion Service )  
Carriers under RCW 81.70.350 and ) ORDER 01  
WAC 480-30-076 )  
 ) ORDER ESTABLISHING  
 ) REGULATORY FEES AT \$25.00 PER  
 ) VEHICLE OPERATED IN  
 ) INTRASTATE COMMERCE FOR  
 ) CHARTER PARTY AND EXCURSION  
 ) SERVICE CARRIERS  
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 RCW 81.70.350 authorizes the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to collect a regulatory fee from each charter party and excursion service carrier operating within the state of Washington. The Commission must set the fee on a per vehicle basis, so that the total amount paid by all carriers does not exceed the cost of regulating the carriers as a whole. WAC 480-30-076 (2) requires the Commission to set the regulatory fee by order, based on a per-vehicle fee. Carriers must submit their fees on or before December 31 of each year, to cover the costs of regulation for the ensuing year beginning February 1.
  
- 2 The Commission, taking into consideration the funds available from the Unified Carrier Registration program and the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance program, has determined that the fee necessary to regulate charter party and excursion service carriers for the twelve months beginning February 1, 2008, is \$25.00 for each vehicle operated in intrastate commerce.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3 (1) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 7, 2007.
  
- 4 (2) The Commission, having considered all monies in the charter party carrier and excursion service carrier account and the fees currently available from the Unified

Carrier Registration program and the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance program, determined that the fee to be paid by charter party carriers and excursion service carrier is \$25.00 for each vehicle operated in intrastate commerce.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 5 (1) The fee to be paid to the Commission under RCW 81.70.350 is fixed at \$25.00 for each vehicle operated by charter party and excursion service carriers in intrastate commerce.

The Commissioners, having determined the fee for the twelve months beginning February 1, 2008, directed the Executive Secretary to issue this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 7, 2007.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary