

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

PETITION OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST ]  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC ]  
Requesting Forbearance from Rate ]  
And Service Regulation as an ]  
Auto Transportation Company under ]  
RCW 81.68.015 ]

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**1. SUMMARY OF PETITION**

**Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc.** (Capital Aeroporter Airport Shuttle) is holder of Auto Transportation Certificate C-862 issued by the Commission under RCW 81.68 to provide autotransportation service within specific areas of the State of Washington as described within the authority of that certificate. Capital Aeroporter also holds Charter and Excursion authority under Certificate CH-58 issued by the Commission in accordance with RCW 81.70. An opportunity to further serve the public exists in providing transportation to occasional, non-essential events or venues for recreational purposes not currently permitted under the dual authority of Capital Aeroporter. Therefore, Capital Aeroporter petitions and requests the Commission’s forbearance of RCW 81.68.015.

**2. Discussion**

Capital Aeroporter has been providing premier service to customers within its certificated authority for more than forty-two years. As the company’s passenger base has grown the number of requests to provide service to various occasional, recreational venues through Western Washington has increased. While the company has been able to service honor some of these requests under its current CH-58 certification, it has been limited by the ability to embark passengers at more than one location when providing that transportation. The nature of Capital Aeroporter’s service area is geographically diverse with its passenger base covering a six-county area. Such a geographical expanse requires that under current regulations, passengers desiring service to a Seattle Area recreational venue must pay high costs for private non-stop service to that location. The company’s service area, for the most part, is of a relatively low population concentration and for a trip to any given occasional venue to be economically viable passengers must be drawn from our entire service area. RCW 81.68.015 permits such operations:

“This chapter does not apply to a service carrying passengers for compensation over any public highway in this state between fixed termini or over a regular route if the commission finds, with or without a hearing, that the service does not serve an essential transportation purpose, is solely for recreation, and would not adversely affect the operations of the holder of a certificate under this chapter, and that exemption from this chapter is otherwise in the public interest. Companies

providing these services must, however, obtain a permit under chapter [81.70 RCW](#).” Capital Aeroporter holds such permit under RCW 81.70 required by the chapter.

## **PRAYER**

Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, Inc. d/b/a Capital Aeroporter Airport Shuttle, holds certificate C-862 issued by the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) under RCW 81.68, and also holds charter and excursion authority under certificate CH-58 issued by the WUTC in accordance with RCW 81.70. Capital Aeroporter requests the Commission to grant forbearance from rate and service regulation pursuant to RCW 81.68.015. Under this forbearance, Capital Aeroporter will provide auto transportation service from points within Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Lewis and Grays Harbor Counties and:

1. Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Greater Tacoma Convention Center, CenturyLink Field, Safeco Field Tacoma Dome for Sporting Shows and Events, Boat Shows and Events, Home Shows and Events, RV Shows and Events, Golf Shows and Events; and
2. Sporting Events, Concerts, Casinos, Golf Courses, Wineries and Performing Arts Theaters in Washington.

so long as the purpose is solely for recreation, and would not adversely affect the operations of the holder of a certificate under this chapter.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015,

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