

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PACIFIC CRUISES NORTHWEST, INC.,  
BC-65013

Docket

PETITION TO TEMPORARILY  
DISCONTINUE COMMERCIAL  
SERVICE

1. Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc. (“PCNW”) holder of Certificate BC-65013 provides passenger and freight service between Bellingham and Friday Harbor, Washington and brings this petition by and through its counsel David W. Wiley, Williams Kastner & Gibbs, PLLC, 601 Union Street, Suite 4100, Seattle, WA 98101.
2. PCNW, pursuant to WAC 480-51-130, respectfully requests that the Commission grant it permission to temporarily discontinue providing commercial ferry service between Bellingham and Friday Harbor for the 2020 sailing season and including a period of up to 12 months from the May, 2020 Memorial Day weekend it was initially planning on resuming seasonal service.
3. Due to the recent declaration of a national emergency because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the national and international travel industry has been decimated, with air and cruise lines already in some instances permanently shutting down or seeking protection from creditors. Moreover, social distancing and protocols instituted by the Centers for Disease Control and federal, state and local government have made all forms of public passenger transportation a potential risk of public and personal health.
4. For these reasons, Petitioner PCNW is seeking, under applicable rule, to suspend regulated service for a maximum of 12 months. While it hopes to be able to resume seasonal service pursuant to a feasible schedule potentially later in the year, in order to allow external events to develop, it asks for the requisite maximum year period in order to afford it and the traveling

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public the necessary flexibility and sufficiency of time to respond consistent with both public health and safety and fiscal economy.

5. PCNW thus contends that it is consistent with the public interest to allow it to temporarily suspend regulated service in the 2020 season until spring 2021 when it will make a final determination on the continuing viability of the route authorized to it as a regulated commercial ferry company by the Commission in BC-65013.

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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