BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

**DOCKET NO. TS-070889** 

AQUA EXPRESS, LLC

Petitioner,

PETITION FOR EXCEPTION TO WAC 480-51-130

For Commission Permission to Temporarily Discontinue Commercial Ferry Service

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COMES NOW Petitioner AQUA EXPRESS, LLC ("Petitioner"), by and through its counsel, Williams, Kastner and David W. Wiley, and for conformance of its earlier Petition for Permission to Temporarily Discontinue Commercial Ferry Service under WAC 480-51-130, brings the following Petition pursuant to WAC 480-51-010. Petitioner here seeks a 24 month rather than a 12 month extension under WAC 480-51-130 (3), due largely to Kitsap Transit's proposed efforts to legislatively redefine the pertinent transportation benefit district to offer public support and financial stipend to the Kingston-Seattle passenger-only commercial ferry service route contained in Petitioner's Certificate BC No. 129 to ensure its viability. Petitioner reasonably believes and therefore alleges that such efforts may require action through the 2009 legislative session.

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Finally, Petitioner contends that granting such an exception to the rule to allow a 24 month period of time is just and reasonable and fully consistent with the public interest,

particularly since Petitioner will agree to semi-annual reporting to the Commission during the pendency of the 24 month discontinuance should it be granted by the Commission.

DATED this 27 day of June, 2007.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on June 28, 2007, I caused to be served the original and 10 copies of the foregoing document to the following address via first class mail, postage prepaid to:

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