

Agenda Date: March 29, 2017  
Item Number: B1

**Docket:** TC-170114  
**Company Name:** BML Investments LLC, dba Wenatchee Valley Shuttle  
**Staff:** Greg Hammond, Regulatory Analyst  
Andrew Roberts, Consumer Protection Staff

**Recommendation**

Allow revised tariff pages, filed on March 24, 2017 and corrected on March 27 and March 28, 2017, to go into effect March 31, 2017, by operation of law.

**Discussion**

On February 21, 2017, BML Investments LLC (BML or company), filed replacement pages to Tariff No. 4 with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) that would generate approximately \$122,000 (17.0 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed increase would have become effective March 23, 2017, and the filing is prompted by the acquisition of new busses and vans, along with increases in payroll expenses, and other general operating costs. On March 6, 2017, the company filed to extend the effective date to March 31, 2017. BML provides scheduled auto transportation service, by reservation only, between Wenatchee, Sea-Tac International Airport, and Spokane International Airport. The company’s last general rate increase became effective December 18, 2013.

Staff’s review found the proposed rates would result in excessive revenue. Among the adjustments made by staff were revised vehicle depreciation, vehicle repair costs, employee meals and travel expenses, and disallowance of some minor expense items that were not supported by the company’s general ledger.

The company and staff have agreed on a revised revenue requirement of approximately \$55,000 (7.6 percent) additional annual revenue, and on revised rates which are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. On March 24, 2017, the company filed revised rates at staff recommended levels. The company filed replacement pages on March 27, 2017 and March 28, 2017 to correct clerical errors.

**Rate Comparison**

<b>One-way Fare Comparison</b>		<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Company Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Revised Rate</b>
Wenatchee	SeaTac Airport	\$41.52	\$47.50	\$44.50
Wenatchee	Spokane Airport	\$41.52	\$47.50	\$44.50
Door to Door within Wenatchee City Limits		\$20.00	\$25.00	\$20.00

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### **Customer Comments**

On February 10, 2017, the company posted notice of the proposed rate increase in accordance with WAC 480-30-316, Tariffs and time schedules, customer notice requirements. Staff received no consumer comments regarding the proposed rate increase.

### **Conclusion**

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