

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

BEELINE TOURS LTD. d/b/a
SEATTLE EXPRESS

Complainant,

v.

PUGET EXPRESS, LLC

Respondent.

DOCKET TC-170824

ORDER 02

GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 28, 2017, Beeline Tours LTD. d/b/a Seattle Express (Beeline) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Formal Complaint against Puget Express, LLC (Puget Express or Company). Beeline alleged, among other things, that Puget Express provided scheduled passenger transportation service that infringed on Beeline's certificated authority.
- 2 On November 2, 2017, the Commission conducted a brief adjudicative proceeding before administrative law judge Rayne Pearson.
- 3 On November 28, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01, Initial Order (Order 01). Order 01 found that Puget Express violated RCW 81.68.020 and RCW 81.68.040 by providing transportation service on at least two occasions without first obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Commission. Order 01 also found that Puget Express violated and RCW 81.04.380 by failing to produce documents at the hearing as required. Order 01 imposed a penalty of \$3,000 against Puget Express.
- 4 On December 7, 2017, Puget Express owner Isaiah Fikre contacted the Commission requesting to establish a payment plan.
- 5 On December 15, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that Mr. Fikre proposes to make 15 monthly

payments of \$200, and that Staff supports the request. The proposed payment schedule is as follows:

January 22, 2018	\$200
February 20, 2018	\$200
March 19, 2018	\$200
April 16, 2018	\$200
May 21, 2018	\$200
June 18, 2018	\$200
July 16, 2018	\$200
August 20, 2018	\$200
September 17, 2018	\$200
October 22, 2018	\$200
November 19, 2018	\$200
December 17, 2018	\$200
January 22, 2019	\$200
February 19, 2019	\$200
March 18, 2019	\$200

- 6 Staff also proposes that if Puget Express misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

DISCUSSION

- 7 The Commission finds that the installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with the modification that Puget Express may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments until the full amount is satisfied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 8 (1) The \$3,000 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments according to the schedule set out in paragraph 5, above.
- 9 (2) If Puget Express, LLC misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

- 10 (3) Puget Express, LLC may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments until the full amount is satisfied

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 18, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.