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**NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR STATUS REPORT
(Now set for April 25, 2012)**

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Sean McNamara d/b/a Bellingham Water Taxi,
Docket TS-111927

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On March 8, 2012, Commission Staff filed a letter with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) indicating that the parties had reached an agreement in principle to settle this matter. The parties stated that they could better focus on preparing the appropriate documents with the Commission if they did not have the added burden of preparing for a hearing that would not be necessary if they could finalize their agreement. The Commission supports the informal resolution of matters before it and encourages parties to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission found the parties' negotiations and agreement in principle constituted good cause to suspend the procedural schedule and granted the parties' request, setting April 11, 2012, as the date by which the parties must either file a resolution or a status report.

On March 26, 2012, counsel for the Commission Staff wrote and asked for an extension of the date for filing a resolution or a status report because he will be out of the office for much of the remaining time and believes his presence will be helpful in negotiating a settlement in this matter and preparing the necessary filing. The Commission finds that the presence of counsel for the Commission Staff would help the parties reach a settlement agreement in this matter and that his absence constitutes good cause for extending the date by which the parties must either file a resolution or a status report.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties must file either a settlement agreement or other proposed resolution of this matter, or a status report by April 25, 2012.

Sincerely,

MARTIN LOVINGER
Administrative Law Judge