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David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attention: Records Center
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: WUTC Certificate BC-10, Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc..

Dear Mr. Danner:

Based on the staff summary of the legislative history outlined in the letter dated 29 June 2012 from Gene Eckhardt, as well as recent discussions with Commission staff, Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc., doing business as San Juan Cruises, is requesting “voluntarily relinquishment” of its commercial ferry certificate, number BC-10. Pacific Cruises primarily operates a sightseeing excursion that includes one or more shore stops within the San Juan Islands that return passengers to the point of origin rather than performing over a regular route.

As a result of this request, we would also ask to withdraw our pending rate case in Docket No. TS-120803 as it would be mooted by the above relinquishment of certificate.

As this request is largely predicated on the staff’s interpretation of the change in law to RCW 81.84 in early 2000 and the cited legislative history, as well as the outlined legislative history, we are also requesting that if at some future date, the Commission’s staff opinion or regulations change that require this service to be regulated, we would anticipate that having previously held the certificate for this service in the past years would be recognized as evidence of our fitness to operate the prospective re-regulated route.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for the admirable assistance of your staff in reaching this conclusion.

Sincerely,

Captain Drew M. Schmidt
President