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June 30, 2016

NOTICE: The Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will consider a petition for forbearance from rate regulation during its August 4, 2016, open public meeting that begins at 9:30 a.m., at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, in Olympia. RCW 81.68.015 provides auto transportation companies' the opportunity to petition the Commission requesting forbearance from rate regulation. The Commission is accepting written comments regarding this proposal. **Written comments must be submitted to the Commission no later than July 30, 2016 by 5 p.m.** or comments may be presented during the scheduled open public meeting. Please identify the comments by using Docket TC-160847. You may send your comments to the Commission at P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504 or by email to [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov).

1. **Transportation Demand Management, Inc. d/b/a A & A Motorcoach (Cert. C-1078) in Docket No. TC-160847** requests forbearance from rate regulation pursuant to RCW 81.68.015. Transportation Demand Management proposes to provide auto transportation service using grant money from the Washington State Department of Transportation, through a contract with the city of Yakima, to provide service between Yakima and Ellensburg. This service was previously provided by CWA Inc., under a similar grant and contract that expires in August 2016.

Transportation Demand Management Inc. requests the commission grant forbearance for this service effective September 1, 2016, so the customers that depend on this service do not have a disruption in service. The majority of passengers are students that travel between the two cities to attend classes at Central Washington University or either of the two Yakima technical colleges. Additional passengers have included employees, seniors, and disabled citizens using the service to commute to their jobs, to medical facilities, or for recreation.

Operations and logistics for this service will be tracked independently from Transportation Demand Managements' other auto transportation services. This commuter service will have a unique fleet, driver pool and operations back end (operating & passenger data collection & accounting). Transportation Demand Management will report on these operations to the city of Yakima, who will report to both the Washington State and federal departments of transportation (WSDOT and USDOT respectively). Passengers will pay \$5 per ride or approximately 30% of the cost. Grants from WSDOT, USDOT, the city of Yakima and Central Washington University will provide the balance of the funding.

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Transportation Demand Management asserts that the service provided by grant between Yakima and Ellensburg meet the criteria of funding by a grant issued by the Department of Transportation and should be allowed forbearance from rate regulation (RCW 81.68.015).

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