March 16, 2017

Cruising Transportation Company LLCd/b/a Cruising Shuttle

32169 33Rd Ave SWFederal Way, WA 98023

Re: TE-170148 - Granting Application for Charter/Excursion Authority - CH067580

Dear Cruising Transportation Company LLC:

On March 3, 2017, Cruising Transportation Company LLC, d/b/a Cruising Shuttle, filed an application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to provide Charter and Excursion Bus carrier services in the state of Washington.

The Commission approves the application and issues the enclosed certificate CH067580 authorizing Cruising Transportation Company LLC, d/b/a Cruising Shuttle, to provide Charter and Excursion Bus carrier services in Washington. Enclosed with this letter and certificate is a copy of the Commission rules governing Passenger Transportation Companies.

After discussing your services in our office and with our safety investigator, it appears that you intend to provide passenger services at the cruise terminal, airport and hotels. You are not allowed to serve these areas under a Charter and Excursion certificate. You must first obtain the proper authority from the Commission which is *an auto transportation certificate*. Operating without the required certificate is illegal.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-036 defines charter and excursion carrier and auto transportation companies as follows:

**“Charter party carrier"** or **"charter carrier"** means every person engaged in the transportation of a group of persons who, pursuant to a *common purpose* and under a single contract, have acquired the use of a motor bus to travel together as a group to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartering group after having left the place of origin, or who is engaged in the transportation of persons by party bus over any public highway in this state.

**"Common purpose"** means that a group of persons is traveling together to achieve a common goal or objective. For example, a group of persons traveling together to attend a common function or to visit a common location. For the purposes of these rules it does not mean a group of persons who have no common goal other than transportation to, or from, the airport.

**"Excursion service carrier"** or **"excursion carrier"** means every person engaged in the transportation of persons for compensation over any public highway in the state from points of origin within any city, town, or area, to any other location within the state of Washington and returning to that origin. The service will not pick up or drop off passengers after leaving and before returning to the area of origin. The excursions may or may not be regularly scheduled. Compensation for the transportation offered must be computed, charged, or assessed by the excursion service company on an individual fare basis.

**"Auto transportation company"** means every person owning, controlling, operating, or managing any motor-propelled vehicle not usually operated on or over rails, used in the business of transporting persons over any public highway in this state between fixed termini or over a regular route, and not operating exclusively within the incorporated limits of any city or town.

You have received authority to provide charter and excursion services only. If we find that Cruising Transportation Company LLC, d/b/a Cruising Shuttle, transported passengers to the airport, cruise terminals and hotels for compensation prior to receiving an auto transportation certificate, we may pursue enforcement action.

Please contact Mike Dotson at 360-664-1223 if you have questions about this letter. You may also email us at transportation@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Stillwell

Licensing Services Manager

Enclosures: WAC 480-30, Auto Tranportation certificate application

**NOTICE:**  This action is delegated to the Secretary, or the Secretary’s delegate, for decision.  In addition to serving you this letter, the Commission will post on its website for at least 14 days a list of all matters delegated to the Secretary for decision.  You may seek Commission review of this decision.  Your request should be addressed to Steven V. King, Secretary, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive. SW, POI Box 47250, Olympia, WA  98504-7250.  You may also email your request to records@utc.wa.gov.  You must file a request for Commission review no later than 14 days after the date of this letter.