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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Attn: Amanda Maxwell

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RE: Request for Forbearance from Rate and Service Regulations and Exemption from Rules

To Amanda Maxwell

I am applying for authority to provide auto transportation services to shuttle paddle boaters up the lower Skagit river and return service to their vehicle from down river (roughly 13 miles). I believe the service meets the criteria for an exemption/forbearance from rate and service regulations pursuant to RCW 81.68.015 Auto Transportation Companies.

Our service,

1. Does not serve an essential transportation purpose, is solely for recreation, and will not adversely affect the operation of any regulated auto transportation company.
2. The service is in the public interest.

The shuttle drives 7-12 miles up the Skagit river to Edgewater park or Roger 'Gus' Tjeerdsma Boat Launch and 6 miles down the Skagit river to the Conway boat launch to collect boaters. Because I am requesting forbearance from rate and service regulations, I am also requesting an exemption from the following related rules:

- WAC 480-30-256 thru 436, Tariffs and time schedules, as well as
- WAC 480-30-096(3)(c), (d), (f) and (g).

I understand that if forbearance from rate and service regulations is approved for this service, I will receive a Charter / Excursion certificate which falls under the requirements of RCW 81.70 (Passenger Charter and Excursion Carriers)

Thank you for your consideration of our request for forbearance from rate and service regulation.

Sincerely,

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