Service Date: December 21, 2016

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re the Application of

DOCKET TC-143691 (Consolidated)

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE

ORDER 11

For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Passenger and Express Service as an Auto Transportation Company

SHUTTLE EXPRESS, INC.,

DOCKET TC-160516

(Consolidated)

v.

ORDER 04

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE.

Respondent.

Complainant,

SPEEDISHUTTLE WASHINGTON, LLC d/b/a SPEEDISHUTTLE SEATTLE,

DOCKET TC-161257

ORDER 01 Complainant,

v.

SHUTTLE EXPRESS, INC.,

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Respondent.

BACKGROUND

On March 30, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered a final order granting the application of Speedishuttle of Washington, LLC d/b/a Speedishuttle Seattle (Speedishuttle) for a certificate of public

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convenience and necessity to operate as an auto transportation company in Docket TC-143691.

- On May 16, 2016, Shuttle Express, Inc. (Shuttle Express) filed a Petition for Rehearing of Matters in Docket TC-143691 and a formal complaint against Speedishuttle. On August 4, 2016, the Commission entered Order 06, Initial Order Granting Petition for Rehearing, and Order 07/02, Prehearing Order and Order of Consolidation.
- On December 1, 2016, Speedishuttle filed with the Commission a formal complaint against Shuttle Express, alleging that Shuttle Express used independent contractors in violation of Commission rules, and that Shuttle Express has paid commissions to unauthorized agents in violation of both a Commission order and Commission rules.
- 4 On December 15, 2016, the Commission granted Shuttle Express' request for an extension until December 30 to respond to Speedishuttle's complaint.
- On December 16, 2016, Speedishuttle filed a Motion to Consolidate (Motion) its complaint with the proceedings in Dockets TC-143691 and TC-160516.
- On December 19, 2016, Shuttle Express requested an extension to respond to the Motion until December 30. Shuttle Express explains that due to workload, staff availability, and the Christmas holiday, it will not have an opportunity to respond until it reviews Speedishuttle's complaint and determines its relationship, if any, to the proceedings in Dockets TC-143691 and TC-160516. Speedishuttle opposes Shuttle Express's request for extension.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- We grant Shuttle Express's request for an extension of time to respond to the Motion. WAC 480-07-375(4) provides that any party that opposes a written motion may file a written response within five business days after the motion is served. The Commission will grant a request for extension of time if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the extension and doing so will not prejudice any party or the Commission.¹
- Here, based on the parties' agreement, we granted Shuttle Express's request for an extension until December 30, 2016, to respond to Speedishuttle's complaint. Because the

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¹ See WAC 480-07-385(2).

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complaint and the Motion are directly related, Shuttle Express should receive the same extension of time to respond to the Motion. We find that Shuttle Express has demonstrated good cause for the extension and that allowing Shuttle Express four additional business days to respond to the Motion will not prejudice any party or the Commission.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT: The Commission GRANTS Shuttle Express, Inc.'s request for extension to respond to Speedishuttle's Motion to Consolidate until December 30, 2016.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 21, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to *WAC 480-07-810*.