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BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re Application No. D-079294

Pennco Transportation, Inc

For Extension of Authority under Certificate  
No. C-01054, For a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor  
Vehicles in Furnishing Passenger and Express  
Service as an Auto Transportation Company

TC-041340

Docket No. TC-04130

Request for Continuance

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Pennco Transportation Inc. (PTI) requests a continuance in the hearing date scheduled for February 17 and 18 in the above matter due to extenuating circumstances.

PTI has negotiated in good faith and reached settlement agreements with all but one of the parties which objected to its request for additional authority. That company, Olympic Bus Lines (OBL), notified PTI on February 8 that it is no longer willing to withdraw its challenge.

Based on comments from Jack Heckman President of OBL to Kevin Harris, President of PTI, it is PTI's feeling that no pre-hearing settlement is possible between the firms. The late notification to our firm of this change of position on the matter by OBL puts PTI at a significant disadvantage because it places an undue burden on our witnesses who need more notification than this to plan to attend in person. The change in position by OBL also requires a different response by PTI, a response which can not be thoroughly prepared on such short notice.

In view of this we are respectfully requesting a continuance to the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, we would like to request that day of the hearing to be held in Port Angeles and one day in Kingston. We feel a day in Kingston is important because it is the other end of our proposed route and we'd like to make it easier for our witnesses from Seattle, Bainbridge Island Poulsbo and rural Kitsap Counties to attend.

Finally, if an extension is granted we would also like to request an extension to the request that our witness list be presented by this Friday. Ideally, having it due one week before the new hearing date would be better.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.



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