

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

In re Request for Fuel Surcharge :

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SeaTac Shuttle, LLC D/B/A	:	Docket No. TC-050733
Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle	:	
	:	Answer of SeaTac Shuttle, LLC
	:	To Complaint and Order No.1
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**BACKGROUND**

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2 1. On May 17, 2005, SeaTac Shuttle, LLC, (Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff, designated as Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 16. The stated effective date is June 1, 2005, per the attached Less Than Statutory Notice request accompanying the petition. The proposed one-way surcharge is \$0.25, and the proposed round trip surcharge is \$0.50.

2. On May 24, 2005, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, the Commission denied the Company’s request for Special Fuel Surcharge despite staff’s use of a non-standard methodology for surcharge calculation in this case.

3. In addition to suspending the request, the Commission issued a Complaint against the Company claiming injury to the public.

4. On June 3, 2005 the Company withdrew its request of a Special Fuel Surcharge with the Commission.

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**ANSWER**

1. The Company denies any and all allegations contained in the complaint.

**SUMMARY**

The Complaint is baseless and without merit. It is capricious, arbitrary and punitive in its instigation. The Company placed its request for Special Fuel Surcharge before the Commission to answer a question regarding staff's calculation methodology. Rather than answer the question, the Commission has permitted staff to pursue a vindictive course of action through this complaint.

Dated June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 in Oak Harbor Washington.

Michael Lauver  
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Vice President