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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Application of Sean McNamara d/b/a Bellingham Water Taxi

Docket TS-111927 Status Report

Request to Continue Suspension of the Procedural Schedule

Dear Mr. Danner:

The Parties hereby file this status report pursuant to the Commission's March 27, 2012, Notice Extending Deadline for Status Report. The other Parties have authorized me to file this report on their behalf.

In its March 8, 2012, letter, the Parties reported that the Applicant and Protestants reached an agreement in principle to resolve the issues in this docket. On April 2, 2012, Sean McNamara d/b/a Bellingham Water Taxi (Sean McNamara), and Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc. d/b/a Victoria San Juan Cruises (Pacific Cruises) filed a completed joint application for sale and transfer of a portion of Pacific Cruises' commercial ferry certificate BC-10 to Sean McNamara. The filing was assigned docket TS-120446 and is subject to Commission approval pursuant to RCW 81.84.030. If the application is granted, Sean McNamara will obtain a commercial ferry certificate to operate in territory substantially similar to that sought in TS-111927.

Notice of the application for sale and transfer was published in the Commission's Docket on April 9, 2012, and it is subject to protest for 30 days. If protested, the application may be set for hearing. A Commission decision on that application is therefore expected sometime after May 10, 2012. It is the Parties' understanding that Sean McNamara intends to file a request to withdraw his application for a new certificate in docket TS-111927 should the sale and transfer application be approved, which would formally resolve TS-111927.

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Also, on April 5, 2012, in dockets TS-070019 and TS-070020, the Commission granted requests for the withdrawal of leased authority in two commercial ferry certificates that had been leased to Island Commuter Service, LLC, a party in this proceeding. The Commission's Orders amended and reissued the certificates, BC-95 and BC-10, in the names of Island Mariner Cruises, Inc. and Pacific Cruises, respectively, and recognized that Island Commuter Service, LLC is no longer regulated by the Commission because it no longer holds leased authority.

Based on the progress towards a resolution of this matter since the Parties' March 8, 2012, letter, the Parties further request that the procedural schedule remain suspended pending a Commission decision on the sale and transfer application in docket TS-120446. The Parties will file a resolution of this matter or a status report on or before June 1, 2012. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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