

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

RIDE THE DUCKS OF SEATTLE, L.L.C.
d/b/a SEATTLE DUCK TOURS,

Respondent.

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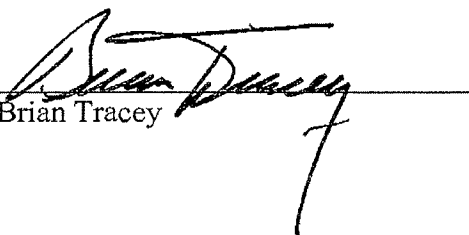
DECLARATION OF BRIAN
TRACEY

- 1 I am the owner of Ride the Ducks of Seattle. I make this declaration in support of the
Motion to expedite the evidentiary hearing. I am over the age of 18, competent to be a
witness, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- 2 The emergency suspension of operations imposed September 28, 2015 has had a significant
impact upon Ride the Ducks of Seattle (“RTDS”).
- 3 RTDS is an integral part of the local tourism industry that employed approximately 130
employees, many of whom depend on RTDS to support their families.
- 4 The company cannot continue paying payroll and other expenses without a revenue source.
To date, RTDS has been forced to lay off or reduce the hours of 48 employees. Many
employees have had to claim unemployment. There is substantial risk of more to come by
way of layoffs and unemployment benefits.

- 5 If unable to return to operations by the Christmas holidays, RTDS may be forced to lay off additional employees.
- 6 An emergency suspension of operations I understand is highly unusual, and we understand the reasons therefor. The emergency suspension, however, has been a tremendous strain on RTDS, its employees, and their families.
- 7 Traditionally, the holiday seasons, Thanksgiving and Christmas included, are peak periods for RTDS, and if RTDS is unable to operate during the holiday seasons, the effect on RTDS's ability to support its employees will be devastating. Moreover, particularly at this time of month, employees are looking for certainty insofar as their employment status is concerned.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2015.


Brian Tracey