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## VIA EMAIL TO WUTC RECORDS CENTER/ ORIGINAL VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

Re: Docket No. 111306, In re: Application of Miller Schmer, Inc. d/b/a Seattle Express for Permanent Auto Transportation Authority Extension Under C-1052 – Statement of Support for Proposed Service

## Dear Mr. Danner:

This letter is to offer support by the Clarion Hotel of Sea-Tac for extension of Seattle Express' certificate to authorize "passenger service from hotels in the Cities of Tukwila or Sea-Tac to the Sea-Tac Airport with a required intermediate stop at Cruise Terminal 66 or 91 on a single-fare ticket." Our hotel has been very satisfied with the services previously provided by Miller Schmer, Inc. d/b/a Seattle Express and we now want to offer our customers the benefit and convenience of selling them effectively round-trip tickets from our hotel to the cruise terminals with a final leg on their return from the cruise terminals to Sea-Tac Airport.

By utilizing Seattle Express for "round-trip transportation," we are able to book both northbound and southbound reservations at the same time which saves time and staff expense in providing our guests with continuity and consistency of ground service. This also assists the travelling public in minimizing confusion in providers and can allow more reliable return service from the terminals to the airport with prior reservation and accommodation. Additionally, when our guests are dropped at the cruise terminal as part of the service, the Seattle Express driver can review the return trip process with them so that they know what to expect when they disembark from their cruise ship and have the peace of mind that they have already arranged for their ground transportation to the airport on their return in order to accommodate flight schedules. This is a particularly helpful and beneficial service to offer our guests for first time visitors to the area who require reliable return service accommodation on often tight flight schedules.

Our guests have used the services of Seattle Express in the past between our hotels and the airport and we therefore strongly support its efforts to provide a more complete service to our hotels and our cruise passenger guests during the hectic cruise season.

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The foregoing statement is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and is true and correct to the best of the declarant's knowledge and belief.

Benita Corley, Director of Sales

Clarion Hotel, Sea-Tac Tel.: (206) 676-3742

Dated this 26 day of March, 2012.

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## Dear Mr. Danner:

This letter is in support of the application for extension of Seattle Express' certificate C-1052 to authorize "passenger service from hotels in the Cities of Tukwila or Sea-Tac to the Sea-Tac Airport with a required intermediate stop at Cruise Terminal 66 or 91 on a single-fare ticket." As a tourism information center for the Cities of Sea-Tac and Tukwila, it is very important for us to be able to offer a reliable and cost effective way to allow guests in area hotels to be transported to the cruise terminals from hotels in these cities. In that regard, it is also invaluable to be able to offer them "round trip" transportation service from the hotels in our cities to the cruise terminals and back to the airport. This allows them the benefit and convenience of one transportation provider.

Based on past experience, we are aware that many hotel guests choose their accommodations on the basis of simplicity and consolidation of services and being able to offer that complete service through Seattle Express provides that incremental facilitation for trip planning. This obviously assists the hotels in Tukwila and Sea-Tac by affording them the linkage between the cruise terminals and the return trip drop to Sea-Tac airport and allows them the ability to market themselves to overnight guests as a convenient nexus for inbound and return cruise passengers. We are also not aware of any other WUTC regulated provider who offers this "V" shaped service configuration from the Tukwila and Sea-Tac hotels to the cruise terminals and return to Sea-Tac Airport.

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Sincerely,

Katherine Kertzman

Executive Director Seattle Southside

Tel.: (206) 575-0547

Dated this 26 day of March, 2012.