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Karen M. Caille  
Administrative Law Judge  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. TS-031996, In Re the Application Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc.,  
d/b/a Victoria-San Juan Cruises

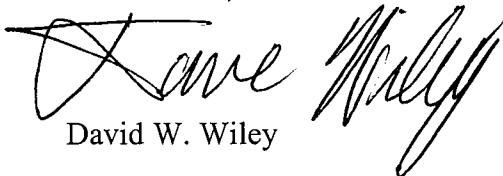
Dear Judge Caille:

I am in receipt of a letter from counsel for the Protestant by which they apparently seek to withdraw their protest to the above application and cancel the discovery conference scheduled for this morning. Based on the withdrawal of Protestant, if accepted by the Commission, I would ask that we schedule another Prehearing Conference by telephone to talk about whether the existing hearing date is still possible considering the various delays to date and to address other procedural issues as, *i.e.*, whether shipper support testimony can be provided via written submission rather than live testimony, etc.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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cc: Jonathan Thompson, Assistant Attorney General  
Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc.  
Polly L. McNeill, Esq.