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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

Attention: Bonnie Allen

Re: Pending Commercial Ferry Application of Pacific Northwest Cruises, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing this date is the original Resolution from the Whatcom Transportation Authority authorizing the issuance of any prospective certificates to Pacific Northwest Cruises, Inc. This Resolution appears to satisfy the requirement of the 2003 legislation addressing commercial ferry application and public transportation benefit areas.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any further questions on this matter. It is now my understanding that the pending application can be put on the WUTC application docket.

Yours truly,

WILLIAMS, KASTNER & GIBBS PLLC

Dictated but not read

David W. Wiley

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Enclosure

Resolution No. 208-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AGREEING TO THE WUTC COMMERCIAL FERRY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CRUISES, INC. TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC TRANSIT BENEFIT AREA BETWEEN BELLINGHAM AND FRIDAY HARBOR

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Cruises, Inc. wishes to provide an important new link between Whatcom County and the San Juan Islands for the purpose of increasing passenger traffic and tourism; and

WHEREAS, RCW 81.84.020 was amended by HB 1853 requiring until March 1, 2005 that the Public Benefit Area Authority or ferry district serving a county agree to the WUTC Commercial Ferry Certificate Application; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Cruises, Inc., requests a resolution from the Whatcom Transportation Authority agreeing to said application; and

WHEREAS, "public transportation service" includes passenger-only ferry service for those public transportation benefit areas eligible to provide passenger-only ferry service;

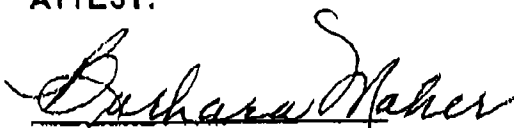
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom Transportation Authority Board of Directors agree to the WUTC Commercial Ferry Certificate Application authorizing Pacific Northwest Cruises, Inc. to provide passenger-only ferry service between Bellingham and Friday Harbor.

PASSED, in Open Public Meeting on January 21, 2004.

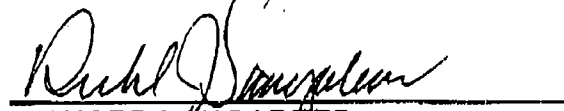
**WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


**JERRY LANDCASTLE
CHAIRPERSON**

ATTEST:


**BARBARA MAHER
CLERK OF THE AUTHORITY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


**RICHARD LANGABEER
COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY**