

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TE-061919
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Monroe Transportation, Ltd., d/b/a)	ORDER 01
Chinook Charter Service,)	
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Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING
)	TEMPORARY
Seeking Temporary Exemption from)	EXEMPTION FROM
the Provisions of WAC 480-30-071)	WAC 480-30-071
Relating to Reporting Requirements)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 26, 2006, Monroe Transportation, Ltd., d/b/a Chinook Charter Service, (Monroe Transportation) or the (Company) filed a petition requesting temporary exemption from WAC 480-30-071.

- 2 WAC 480-30-071 requires charter and excursion carriers to file an annual safety report with the Commission by December 31, summarizing the carriers' motor vehicle and safety operating information.

- 3 Monroe Transportation states it will have its buses running out of town through December 31 and will not have accurate 2006 mileage until after December 31.

- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Monroe Transportation's request for temporary exemption of WAC 480-30-071, subject to the following conditions: The Company must file the annual safety report by February 1, 2007. Monroe Transportation must file the report earlier if completed.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, services, facilities, and practices of all persons engaging in the transportation by whatever means of persons or property within this state for compensation, and related activities; including charter and excursion service companies. *RCW 81.01.010, Chapter 81.04 RCW, and Chapter 81.70 RCW.*

- 6 (2) Monroe Transportation is engaged in the business of providing passenger charter services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of Chapter 81.70 RCW.
- 7 (3) Monroe Transportation is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-30-071, requiring charter and excursion carriers to file an annual safety report with the Commission by December 31, summarizing the carriers' motor vehicle and safety operating information.
- 8 (4) WAC 480-30-046 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-30 WAC, if consistent with the standards and according to the procedures set forth in WAC 480-07-110.
- 9 (5) After review of the petition filed in Docket TE-061919 by Monroe Transportation on December 26, 2006, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the temporary exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Monroe Transportation, Ltd., d/b/a Chinook Charter Service is granted a temporary exemption from WAC 480-30-071 (2), which requires charter and excursion carriers to file an annual safety report with the Commission by December 31, summarizing the carriers' motor vehicle and safety operating information.
- 11 (2) This temporary exemption is subject to the following condition(s). The Company must file the annual safety report by February 1, 2007. Monroe Transportation must file the report earlier if completed.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Monroe Transportation to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 29, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary