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March 13, 2013

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**RE: Service Between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport (BLI)**

Mr. Lauver and Mr. Solin:

Thank you for your March 11 email on this matter. I concur with you that it is time to move forward to resolve the issue of Seatac Shuttle's service from Whidbey Island to BLI.

As it turns out, Gene Eckhardt had already drafted a response to your February 27 request that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) provide you with exact language to include in your application that would be acceptable to the commission. This letter reflects his efforts to a considerable extent.

To resolve this matter, we recommend you take the following steps:

First, you need to file an application for extension of your current authority to provide scheduled service between Whidbey Island and BLI. Along with the application, you must also file a proposed tariff and time schedule (see Section 3 of the application form). I have enclosed an Auto Transportation Company Application and instructions for filing a tariff and time schedule. Both of these documents are available on the commission's web site at:

<http://www.utc.wa.gov/regulatedIndustries/transportation/autoTransportation/Pages/default.aspx>

Please review the application carefully and complete it fully, including any attachments that may be required. Staff cannot process an application until it is complete.

Mike Lauver and John Solin, SeaTac Shuttle

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Staff recommends the following language to describe the proposed service (Section 2 of the application):

Airporter Passenger Scheduled Service: Between Whidbey Island and Bellingham International Airport.

If you have any questions about completing an application or the application process, please contact Tina Leipski at 360-664-1170.

Second, you will also need to file a proposed time schedule (Section 3 of the application). The proposed time schedule identifies specific locations and times for picking up and dropping off passengers. The enclosed instructions will be helpful. In addition to the instructions, we have enclosed a sample of a properly completed time schedule for an existing company. If you have questions or need assistance with this aspect of the application, please contact Lisa Wyse at (360) 664-1259.

Third, I suggest that you consider filing two applications: The first for temporary authority and a second application requesting an extension of your current permanent authority. Assuming the temporary authority application is properly completed, the commission can issue temporary authority upon receipt. With the temporary authority, your company could operate scheduled service between Whidbey Island and BLI while the extension of your current permanent authority is underway.

Staff will recommend the commission waive the application fees associated with filing applications for temporary and permanent authority. Typically you would need to submit \$150 with your application for temporary authority and an additional \$200 for extension of your current permanent authority. However, because of the confusion regarding the meaning of "door-to-door" and "scheduled" service between your company and commission staff, your request was not timely processed. As a goodwill gesture, staff will recommend the commission waive the filing fee for both applications.

We look forward to receiving your applications and working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Steven V. King

Acting Executive Director and Secretary