

Lady of the Lake

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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop S.E.
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RE: Request for a revision to Time Schedule No. 36, Page 2 of 3, for Lake Chelan Boat Company, Certificate No. 34, with an effective date of 04/06/20; requesting LSN to make this effective 3/21/20.

To Whom It May Concern,

With the current state of concerns with COVID-19, Lake Chelan Boat Company is continuing to look at ways to comply with directives from the Washington State and Federal Governments, in regards to safe distances, and activities of passengers and staff, with an eye on the financial affect it is having on the company as well. Essentially, our service now provides necessary mail and freight shipments to up lake locations, along with minimal local resident's travel.

To further comply and succeed, we are requesting to run the Lady Cat in place of the Lady Express until further notice, (Schedule No. 36, page 2 of 3). We are requesting to do this on less than statutory notice, with an effective date of 3/21/20.

The Lady Cat is a smaller, faster vessel, that can hold up to 35 passengers. However, we will not meet that maximum, due to distancing needs for passengers and staff. Passengers and crew will be on board a maximum of 1.5 hours if traveling the full distance from Chelan to Stehekin. All other boarding/disembarking ports will make the time on board less, thus less exposure for all.

The departure times from Chelan and Fields Point have been set to later than the current schedule, so no passenger will be left behind at the lower end of the lake. The times at Lucerne are very close to the current Lady Express times. We are communicating with Holden Village, in regards to the minimal change in minutes. The Stehekin times are being left the same. Therefore, confusion will be minimal. Passengers will depart a bit later from Chelan/Fields Point and they will return earlier than the current schedule.

The Lady Cat easily handles the passenger and freight demands during this restricted activity period. It provides shorter staff work days (and exposure) and reduces fuel consumption, which will help the company endure the losses it is incurring.

Being submitted with this transmittal letter is a copy of the Notice to the Public. It will be posted immediately at the main Chelan office, on board the Lady Express, on our website, and distributed by way of other social media means.

We will continue to monitor the situation and follow guidance from health and government authorities to determine what further actions may need to be taken. We feel this is an emergency situation and we respectfully request approval of this request.

Thank you for your assistance and guidance.

Sincerely,

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Discover Lake Chelan, LLC-Managing Member

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