

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

RIDE THE DUCKS OF SEATTLE, L.L.C.
d/b/a SEATTLE DUCK TOURS,

Respondent.

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RESPONSE OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO MOTION OF RIDE THE
DUCKS OF SEATTLE TO
EXPEDITE HEARING

1 This is in response to RTDS's motion to expedite the Commission's hearing on whether to partially lift the suspension of RTDS's certificate to operate from January 5, 2016, to December 16, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter. Motion at 1. RTDS would like to return its Truck Ducks to the streets of Seattle as soon as possible, while consenting to affording Commission Staff "all the additional time it need[s] to investigate the 'Stretch Duck' vehicles." Id. at 2.

2 As stated at the November 3, 2015, hearing, Commission Staff will file its investigation report on December 15, 2015. Commission Staff will be prepared to state its position and offer evidence on whether the Commission should lift or continue the suspension of RTDS's operating certificate no earlier than December 18, 2015. Accordingly, Commission Staff supports moving the hearing to a date no earlier than December 18, 2015.

DATED this 9th day of November 2015.

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