

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TS-071090
)	
SAN JUAN EXPRESS, INC.,)	ORDER 01
BC-117,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY
For Commission Permission Allowing)	DISCONTINUANCE OF
Temporary Discontinuance of)	SERVICE
Commercial Ferry Service)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 30, 2007, San Juan Express, Inc., (Company), holder of commercial ferry certificate of public convenience and necessity BC-117, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting permission to discontinue commercial ferry service between Seattle and Friday Harbor from June 1, 2007, through June 29, 2007.

- 2 The Company normally provides seasonal commercial ferry service between Seattle and Friday Harbor starting June 1. This year, the Company leased its vessel, the Victoria Clipper III, to the U.S. Navy to transport troops in Puget Sound. The original lease was scheduled to end in time to allow the Company to start its scheduled commercial ferry service June 1. However, the U.S. Navy notified the Company that it requires the boat until June 25. The vessel will then require maintenance to prepare it to start scheduled commercial ferry service on June 30.

- 3 In conformance with the public notice requirements of WAC 480-51-130, the Company posted the revised schedule on its web site and at office locations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) San Juan Express, Inc., BC-117, is engaged in the business of providing commercial ferry service within the state of Washington as a public service

company, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. *RCW 81.84 and WAC 480-51.*

- 5 (2) On May 30, 2007, San Juan Express, Inc., filed with the Commission a petition requesting permission to discontinue service authorized by the Company's certificate of public convenience and necessity, BC-117. The discontinuance requested by the Company encompasses the period of June 1, 2007, through June 29, 2007.
- 6 (3) The proposed discontinuance petition by San Juan Express, Inc., is reasonable because the U.S. Navy requires the Company's vessel until June 25 to transport troops in Puget Sound.
- 7 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on June 27, 2007.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 Permission is given to San Juan Express, Inc., holder of commercial ferry certificate of public convenience and necessity BC-117, to temporarily discontinue service between Seattle and Friday Harbor for the period June 1, 2007, through June 29, 2007.

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 June 27, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary