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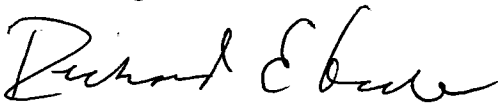
Washington Utilities &  
Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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Subject: Docket TC-160847- Forbearance from Rate Regulation

With our thanks to Commissioner Ann Rendahl and others, current Auto Transportation Company operators were permitted to raise fares at 45% over previous approved regulated rates as they existed over three years ago. All current approved fares are in consonance with the marketplace and are fair, just and reasonable as required by Washington law. Additionally, current regulations allow further increases in rates at 5% each year beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Consumers are always looking for the best deal! Since prices, supply and demand are all Interrelated in accordance with the laws of Supply and Demand, why is it necessary to de-regulate fares even further? If current fares deliver a fair and reasonable profit margin, shouldn't operators be looking at reducing fares in order to enlarge the number of customers? This might then lead to even greater profit margins! The current fare mechanism allows operators the flexibility to raise or lower rates within a broad 35 percent range. Any increase in costs therefore might then be seen as the cost of doing business and rate adjustment is not necessary if profit margins are not materially affected.

“Why fix it if it ain't broke”?? We are satisfied with current regulations and see no further need for change.



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