

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET TC-011119
Complainant,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
v.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS
Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On August 8, 2001, Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, (Genie) filed with the
Commission new Tariff No. 3 canceling and replacing Tariff No. 2. The stated
effective date is September 8, 2001. The new tariff proposes, among other things,
increased passenger fares from points in eastern Washington on the one hand, and
Seattle, Washington, on the other. The increases average between 50 and 75 percent.

2 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by Genie. Because
those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and
Genie has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just,
and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public
hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, and
reasonable.

FINDINGS

- 3 (1) Genie is an auto transportation company and is a public service company
subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 4 (2) The tariff revisions filed by Genie on August 8th would increase charges and
rates for service provided by Genie, and might injuriously affect the rights and
interests of the public.
- 5 (3) Genie has not demonstrated that the increased rates and charges in its tariff
revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 6 (4) As required by RCW 81.04.130, Genie bears the burden of proof to show that
the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.

- 7 (5) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 81.20.020 the Commission believes it necessary to investigate Genie's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Genie's property; to investigate and appraise various phases of Genie's operations, and to review the propriety of existing, present rates. Genie may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are consistent or authorized by chapter 81.20 RCW.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The tariff revisions filed on August 8, 2001, are suspended.
- 9 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 10 (3) Genie must not change or alter the tariff revisions filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 11 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Genie's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations, and existing, present rates, as described above.
- 12 (5) Genie shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of chapter 81.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of August, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner