

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TS-070651
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MOSQUITO FLEET, LLC, BC-125,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
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For Commission Permission Allowing)	ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY
Temporary Discontinuance of)	DISCONTINUANCE OF
Commercial Ferry Service)	SERVICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 4, 2007, Mosquito Fleet, LLC (Mosquito or Company), holder of commercial ferry certificate of public convenience and necessity BC-125, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting permission for a one full-year temporary discontinuance of service authorized under the Company's certificate. The discontinuance will run from June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2008.

- 2 The Company normally operates annually from mid-June through the end of September providing commercial ferry service between Everett and Friday Harbor (San Juan Island) with flag stops at Rosario Resort and Roche Harbor.

- 3 Last year, in Docket TS-060996, the Company asked for its first temporary discontinuance of service on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday runs from June 29, 2006, through July 31, 2006. The Commission approved that discontinuance on June 28, 2006. Later in Docket TS-061301, the Company asked for another discontinuance of its fall schedule, ending their runs on August 31, 2006. The Commission approved that discontinuance on August 30, 2006.

- 4 In its petition the Company reports it lost money on this run in each of the past few years, with passenger counts declining and operating expenses (including fuel) increasing.

- 5 The Company requests the Commission grant permission to temporarily discontinue service between Everett and Friday Harbor for the twelve months of June 1, 2007, to

May 30, 2008. The Company believes that a temporary discontinuance will have little effect on the traveling public since travel alternatives exist which includes Washington State Ferries.

- 6 In conformance with the public notice requirements of WAC 480-51-130, the Company posted customer notices at the Port of Everett and the Port of Friday Harbor. The Company also provided notices to the Everett Herald and the Journal of the San Juans.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) Mosquito, BC-125, 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.*
- 8 (2) On April 4, 2007, Mosquito filed with the Commission a petition requesting Commission permission to discontinue service authorized by the Company's certificate of public convenience and necessity, BC-125. The discontinuance requested by the Company encompasses the period of June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2008.
- 9 (3) The proposed discontinuance petition by Mosquito is reasonable because the Company continues experiencing operating losses, decreased patronage, and increased operating expenses in recent years and travelers have alternatives.
- 10 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 23, 2007.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 Permission is given to Mosquito Fleet, LLC, holder of commercial ferry Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity BC-125, to temporarily discontinue service between Everett and Friday Harbor authorized under its certificate for the period June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2008.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 23, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner