



STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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October 23, 2007

Jimmy Sherrell, President
Shuttle Express, Inc.
800 Southwest 16th Street
Renton, WA 98055

Re: Information Request

Dear Mr. Sherrell:

As you know, staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has worked with Shuttle Express for several years on the issue of using independent contractors as drivers. Commission staff reviewed your proposal of an "Owner-Operator Agreement" in 2005 and provided you with its opinion on such an agreement (see enclosed).

Commission staff and commissioners also discussed this issue with you and other stakeholders during stakeholder meetings conducted in the recent auto transportation rulemakings, Dockets TC-020497 and TC-060177. Specific to those discussions was the need for statutory changes to allow independent contractors.

The commission recently received information which leads us to believe that the following charter bus carriers may be operating as independent contractors for Shuttle Express:

- Gurjeet Singh Gill – CH-62899
- Stephen Arthur Reeves – CH-62900
- Randy Leach d/b/a Randy Leach Transportation – CH-62932
- Timothy C. Pak – CH-63045
- Yvonne Porrecca d/b/a Traveling With Yvonne – CH-63041
- C&S Services, LLC – CH-62978

We are working with these carriers to ensure they are providing the charter services authorized under their current certificates. In order to evaluate this information and to better understand your business and its structure, we need information from you about your working relationship with these charter bus carriers.

By November 6, 2007, please respond to the following questions in writing and provide documentation as requested:



Equipment

- 1) Does Shuttle Express lease or rent vehicles to any of the charter bus carriers listed above?
 - a) What is the rent or lease amount?
- 2) Does Shuttle Express maintain any of the vehicles operated by any of the charter bus carriers, or pay for another party to provide maintenance for the vehicles?
- 3) Does Shuttle Express pay for fuel to operate the vehicles operated by any of the charter bus carriers?
- 4) Is Shuttle Express identified on the exterior of the vehicles operated by any of the charter bus carriers?
 - a) If so, how?

Business Structure

- 5) Does Shuttle Express have a contract with any of the charter bus carriers, for any reason?
 - a) If so, provide a copy of each contract.
- 6) Does Shuttle Express receive compensation from any of these carriers in any way for any reason?
 - a) If so, describe the compensation structure and amounts received.
- 7) Does Shuttle Express compensate any of these carriers in any way for any reason?
 - a) If so, describe the compensation structure and amounts you pay.
- 8) Does Shuttle Express provide any "free" services, such as dispatch, customer pick up information, etc.? Please identify each "free" service.

Please direct your response to Betty Young, Compliance Specialist, Transportation Safety, Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, PO Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504. Ms. Young can also be reached at 360-664-1202, or by e-mail at byoung@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary

Enclosure