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## VIA US MAIL AND EMAIL

Terry Marx, CFO Transportation Demand Management, LLC 9801 Martin Luther King Jr Way S Seattle, Washington 98118

RE: Transportation Demand Management, LLC efiling id=633cadc99251431b14dc973

## Dear Terry Marx:

On October 4, 2022, Transportation Demand Management, LLC (Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) Tariff and Time Schedule Number 2. This filing was initiated after the Company filed for a name change to its certificate in Docket TC-220743.

In its filing, the Company is increasing rates, requesting flexible fares, and making other passenger rule changes and adding fees. It is also adding numerous times and stops to its time schedule. WAC 480-30-376(4) states that when an auto transportation company changes the name on its certificate the company must file a tariff and time schedule in its new name or must adopt the existing filed tariff and time schedule. An auto transportation company filing a tariff to comply with subsection (1) of the WAC cannot raise its rates in that filing. A separate rate increase filing must be made.

Commission staff (Staff) has contacted you on multiple occasions requesting that you withdraw the filing and re-file it to make the appropriate change to the name on the Tariff and Time Schedule. Staff also provided you with the information needed to file for increased rates. The Commission has not received the withdrawal to date and the Commission cannot accept the filing as it was submitted.

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Under WAC 480-30-421, a general rate increase filing is a tariff change that would either increase the Company's gross annual revenue from activities regulated by the Commission by three percent or more, or restructure tariffs so that the gross revenue generated by any customer class would increase by three percent or more. The Company's proposed rates in the tariff filed are over 55 percent higher than current tariff rates.

WAC 480-30-426 states general rate increase filings must include papers supporting the proposed tariff changes based on a test year, which is the most recent or appropriate consecutive 12-month period for which financial data are available. It also lays out the specific workpapers required. The Company did not provide the required documents for a rate increase.

Under WAC 480-07-520, the Commission may reject a filing that fails to meet the minimum requirements without prejudice to the Company's right to refile its request in conformance with the rule. Therefore, the Company's request filed on October 4, 2022, is rejected in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Tiffany Van Meter at <u>tiffany.vanmeter@utc.wa.gov</u> or (360) 664-1246.

Sincerely,

Amanda Maxwell Executive Director and Secretary