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Chairman Mark Sidran  
WUTC  
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Via email  
cc: records

Re: Docket No. TC-060177

Dear Chairman Sidran,

Over the past few months we have participated in workshops with your staff and have had numerous additional communications with them. These workshops were in accordance with the CR-101 filed by your staff under the above docket number to resolve the issue of “rates” with respect to auto transportation companies. This issue was originally raised under Docket No. TC-020497 back in early 2002, four and on half years later staff has not been able to propose any significant changes to the code under the new docket. We, the auto transportation companies, have offered a number of possible suggestions for consideration to the staff to no end. There is a mindset that we are to be treated as utilities, that employing real world data is not proper, that the WUTC must have an accounting method different from the IRS and the rest of the business world and that things are just fine as they are.

We have invested a great deal of time and effort in good faith to try to bring auto transportation out of the utility mold and into the twenty-first century with recognition of real market conditions. At this point we feel ill served by the staff and their position of no change, status quo. I would like to emphasize here that we are NOT monopolies; we are afforded a modicum of territorial protection from other regulated airporters, our peers. But in our case that doesn't even hold true as we provide overlapping service with another airporter. We have no protection what-so-ever from taxis, limos, transit buses, light rail (a direct competitor operated by the state), commuter airlines and most of all, the private car. All of these criss-cross our “protected” territories and take revenue from us.

It is our hope that you will receive the information presented at the workshop of June 16<sup>th</sup> with an open mind and not just summarily accept the conclusions of the staff. I have been accused of being emotional about this issue, but I have spent nearly four years of my life and a great deal of my of my assets in providing this very welcomed service here on the island. I have no rate case before the Commission nor do I anticipate one in the near future. Under the current guide lines I could be charging significantly more than I do but the market does not permit a higher fare. We as an industry are not out to over charge or abuse our customers; if we did we would be out of business. I am working on this for the future and to protect our industry. I hope that the Commission sees the value of the service that we provide as part of the state wide transportation system and encourages our growth, not provide disincentives.

We look forward to making our suggestion directly to you and the rest of the Commissioners on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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