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TRI-CITIES AIRPORT INSTALLS NEW AUTOMATED PARKING LOT EQUIPMENT

(Pasco, WA) April 14, 2005: The Tri-Cities Airport has installed new automated parking lot equipment; it is now fully operational. Earlier this year, Port of Pasco Commissioners approved the expenditure for the new automated equipment and authorized an increase in parking lot rates at the Tri-Cities Airport to go into effect when the equipment was installed and operational. The rate increase will take effect May 1, 2005.

“The existing equipment was twenty years old. It had outlived it’s useful life and was scheduled for replacement this year,” said Jim Morasch, Director of the Airport. “We spent many hours researching the right equipment for us and found it in SKIDATA.” The new SKIDATA equipment includes new ticket dispensers, computer hardware and software, and a pay-on-foot stand alone station in the Terminal Building that will provide airport patrons the convenience to pay their long- and short-term parking fees in the Terminal Building. Patrons can conveniently pay for their parking with credit card, debit card or cash.

“For years, patrons of the airport have asked us to automate our method of payment for long- and short-term parking,” said Bill Clark, Commission President, “We have listened to their requests and are pleased to provide this convenience to them.”

The rate increase is required to pay for this new automated parking lot equipment and associated annual product and maintenance costs. The new rates will take effect May 1, 2005, and are as follows:

Short-Term Parking will increase from \$1.00 for the first hour, after the 25-minute grace period, with an \$8 maximum per 24 hour period, to \$1.25 for the first hour up to a maximum of \$10.00 per 24-hour period.

Long-Term Parking will increase from the current \$1.00 for the first hour, with \$5 per 24 hour period, to \$1.25 for the first hour up to a maximum of \$7 per 24-hour period. The grace period for long-term parking will remain at 10-minutes.

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