

## MASON COUNTY UTILITIES & WASTE MANAGEMENT

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David Danner, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re:

TG 101542 Mason County Garbage Company, Comment by Mason County in Support of Revenue

Retention

Dear Mr. Danner:

I am the Mason County Solid Waste Manager and write in my capacity to certify Mason County Garbage Company's compliance with the local Solid Waste Management Plan. Our Plan outlines the recycling strategies the County and our local hauler will work collaboratively to provide for residents of our community. The proposed plan for revenue sharing demonstrates, through various, multiple methods, how the revenues will be used to increase recycling in order to qualify for the 30% revenue share retention authorized by state law.

Mason County Garbage has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County that its solid waste and recycling collection system in 2009 and 2010 has achieved the goals and objectives outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Revenue Sharing Plan and the applicable Mason County Ordinance, #147-08 which is adopted in the County Code as chapter 13.30.90. At the monthly meeting of the county Solid Waste Advisory Committee on October 14th, there was considerable discussion of the changes, evolutions and successes related to recycling improvements available to Mason County residents. The revenue share issue was reviewed in some depth and there was consensus that the hauler's obligations thereunder were being met in accordance with the approved plan. To repeat, it is the consensus of the County and the Advisory Committee that Mason County Garbage is entitled to the full 30% revenue retention set forth in the Plan, Ordinance, and as permitted under RCW 81.77.185.

Thank you for your consideration. Accountability is important to our customers, and their satisfaction is everyone's priority. It is with this in mind that this letter is submitted. Please contact me if you have other questions or concerns, or if I can be of further assistance.

-Respectfully,

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