


MEMORANDUM

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TO: Paul Curl, Regulatory Services Deputy Director  
FROM: Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst   
SUBJECT: Application: GA-79025 Docket TG-011549

Couse's Sanitation & Recycle, Inc. G-169  
22 Smith Drive  
Republic, WA 99166

After reviewing a new map of the certificate authority contained in Solid Waste Certificate No. G-169, Mr. Clifford Couse advised staff that Couse Sanitation & Recycle, Inc., has been serving a portion of Ferry County that is specifically excluded from its certificate authority.

Mr. Couse filed Application GA-79025 in Docket TG-011549 for extension of Solid Waste Certificate No. G-169 to provide service in a portion of Ferry County. The application appeared on the December 17, 2001, application docket. No one filed a protest, intervention, or application for overlapping authority during the docket and protest period.

In reviewing the GIS maps, staff found that the territory requested by Couse overlaps with authority contained in Certificate No. G-~~27~~7, held by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. Under the provisions of RCW 81.77.040, the Commission may grant an application with or without hearing when there is no existing certificate holder authorized to provide solid waste collection service in the territory requested.

On January 17, 2002, Ms. Polly McNeill, representing Waste Management of Washington, sent to the Commission a letter stating that Waste Management does not oppose the Couse application, and that it was Waste Management's intention to transfer the overlapping authority to Couse. By further correspondence received February 28, 2002, Waste Management agreed to relinquish its authority in that portion of Ferry County that is being requested by Couse. With the overlapping authority eliminated the uncontested Couse application may be processed without hearing.

The applicant has no outstanding penalties, fines, administrative, or compliance actions pending before the commission. Staff has received no other information indicating this application should be set for hearing.

Therefore, I recommend this application be granted without hearing and referred to staff for processing.



## NOTES TO STAFF:

The applicant must file verified statements supporting the need for service in the requested territory.

In its application the company ask that its certificate authority be revised to exclude the city of Republic. The existing certificate language should be replaced with the attached text and the certificate reissued. (The electronic copy of this revised text will be forwarded to Licensing staff by E-mail.)

The carrier is currently serving the territory at existing tariff rates. It is expected that no change to the tariff is required. Tariff staff will confirm the status of the company's filed tariff. A copy of the order granting authority and a revised copy of the certificate is required to update the tariff records.

GIS staff will prepare a revised map of the certificate authority. The effective date of the map should coincide with effective date of the order granting authority.

In conjunction with this application Waste Management's request to relenquish authority should be processed and Certificate No. G-2~~2~~7 revised and reissued. I have attached a draft order and proposed revision to the certificate text in G-2~~3~~7. (I will also forward an electronic copy of these drafts.)