

## **Solid Waste Division**

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Dave Danner, Secretary and Executive Director Attention: Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: <u>Docket 091802</u>

Dear Mr. Danner:

The purpose of this letter is to provide King County's comments regarding Allied Waste of Bellevue's Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan in 2009, and to offer support for a plan to extend revenue sharing through December 31, 2010. The plans referenced below apply to the area defined in Tariff No. 11, Rabanco LTD & Rabanco Recycling, Inc.

## 2009 Plan

King County is satisfied that Allied of Bellevue fulfilled the terms of the 2009 revenue sharing plan. We do not recommend that Allied of Bellevue be required to return any of the revenues that the company has been allowed to retain during the 2009 plan period.

## 2010 Plan

Allied of Bellevue and King County have come to an agreement on the enclosed recycling plan, for the Tariff 11 service area, for the period beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2010. An original copy of the plan signed by both parties will be transmitted to you separately. We recommend that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) allow Allied of Bellevue to retain 30 percent of the revenues from sale of commodities during this period. King County will evaluate Allied of Bellevue's implementation of this plan prior to its expiration. If some elements have not been fully implemented, King County may request that the WUTC consider returning some of these revenues to customers. A new plan must be agreed upon by both King County and Allied of Bellevue before we will recommend extension of revenue sharing into 2011.

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In my position as Solid Waste Division Director, I have been delegated the authority to make the certification of this plan required in RCW 81.77.185. I hereby certify that the plan submitted to you by Allied of Bellevue for Rabanco LTD & Rabanco Recycling, Tariff No. 11, is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Statements in the solid waste plan that support this certification include the following:

- "The cities and County will maintain and enhance the current residential collection service levels for recyclables." (pages 4 31)
- "(T)he County and the cities will continue to research the benefits of using a commingled collection system, changing the frequency of collection and adding materials for collection." (pages 5 18)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of certification and our comments on Allied of Bellevue's recycling plan. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Reed, Program Analyst, at 206-296-4402, or bill.reed@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kiernan / Division Director

Enclosure

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