BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGTON, INC. D/B/A WM HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS OF WASHINGTON

For an extension of Certificate G-237 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Solid Waste Collection Service DOCKET TG-120033

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY DETERMINATION AS TO FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FITNESS

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The Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Staff") responds to Waste Management's Motion for Summary Determination as to Financial and Operational Fitness. Staff takes no position on the merits of Waste Management's motion, but would like to make sure that the Commission is aware of a restriction in one section of Waste Management's Certificate G-237.

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Waste Management has applied for an extension of authority to enable it to provide biomedical waste collection service outside the territory currently described in Certificate G-237. Staff understands that Waste Management is not requesting a change of authority within the territory currently described in Certificate G-237. The certificate expressly restricts Waste Management from collecting biomedical waste in a few areas of King County adjacent to Redmond. The restriction appears in the paragraph labeled "PID435" on the fourth page of Certificate G-237, which Waste Management has submitted as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Jessica L. Goldman. Staff requests that the Commission not remove

that restriction inadvertently when it rules on Waste Management's motion for partial summary determination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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