1 2 3 4 5 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 6 7 WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND DOCKET NOS. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 8 TG-111672 Complainant, (Consolidated) 9 MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC., 10 G-9, Respondent. 11 12 WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND DOCKET NOS. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 13 TG-111674 Complainant, (Consolidated) 14 AMERICAN DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC., DECLARATION OF STEPHEN C. 15 G-87, WAMBACK IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR LEAVE TO EXTEND REVENUE 16 Respondent. SHARING PROGRAMS AND RECYCLING COMMODITY PRICE ADJUSTMENTS 17 18 19 Stephen C. Wamback declares as follows: I am the Solid Waste Administrator for Pierce County Public Works and Utilities 20 Department and have been employed by the county for almost 20 years, the past 21 approximate 14 in my current capacity. I have worked in the solid waste field for well over 22 two decades and was previously employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation 23 Commission as a Policy Research Specialist from 1990 to 1993. 24 As Solid Waste Administrator for Pierce County, I have been closely involved in the 25 implementation of revenue share plans under RCW 81.77.185 with Pierce County regulated 26 DECLARATION OF STEPHEN C. WAMBACK IN Williams, Kastner & Gibbs PLLC SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR LEAVE TO EXTEND Two Union Square, Suite 4100 (98101-2380) REVENUE SHARING PROGRAMS AND RECYCLING Mail Address: P.O. Box 21926 COMMODITY PRICE ADJUSTMENTS - 1 Seattle, Washington 98111-3926

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haulers since their inception in the county in 2005 and have worked closely with Murrey's Disposal, American Disposal and Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pierce County Refuse in establishing various programs, criteria for incentives and other elements of revenue share design since the beginning.

During that time, we have repeatedly discussed with the Companies the administrative and ratepayer convenience of synchronizing reporting periods and plan filing intervals to all converge on the same date. Currently, subject to Commission approval, commodity credit adjustments for Murrey's/American customers take effect on or before November 1 of every year and for Pierce County Refuse customers, March 1 of every calendar year. Additionally, our customers typically experience an annual rate adjustment on March 1 due to disposal fee changes for solid waste disposed of in the county system.

In my view, synchronizing all revenue share plan and commodity credit adjustments to a March 1 cycle to also match the annual disposal fee adjustment period will markedly reduce cost on the part of county and company employees, i.e., fielding inquiries from customers about rate adjustments and will also potentially reduce confusion as to the motivation and timing for annual rate adjustments. Additionally, as just alluded to, I anticipate that my staff's time having to develop revenue share plans for implementation at two different points of the year will be reduced and I have strongly encouraged Murrey's/American to finally make this formal request for adjustment of the reporting periods now to the Commission.

As the Petition of the Companies suggest, since the Interpretive and Policy Statement was issued on May 30, 2012, we have been working with the Companies to digest and work through the policy advice and directives set forth in that statement. We believe that the Interpretive and Policy Statement endorses a primary activist role by the County in forging future revenue share plans and strongly believe that the Statement endorses that role on chronology and formation of the plan described and therefore believe this request is

consistent with the public interest and the underlying statutory goals as recently rearticulated by the Commission in the May 30, 2012 Interpretive and Policy Statement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this <u>21</u> day of September, 2012 at <u>University Place</u>, Washington.

Stephen C. Wamback

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I hereby certify that on September 24, 2012, I caused to be served the original and four (4) copies of the foregoing document to the following address via first class mail, postage prepaid to:

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I certify I have also provided to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's Secretary an official electronic file containing the foregoing document via email to: records@utc.wa.gov

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