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Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: Allied Waste of Lynnwood
Docket TG-061152

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In 2003 Allied Waste of Lynnwood and Snohomish County entered into a Recycling Plan and Commodity Sharing Agreement. The Agreement called for Allied Waste to:

- compile baseline and ongoing recycling data;
- add additional recyclable materials to their curbside collection;
- institute single stream recyclable collection for their entire territory;
- provide new wheeled 96 gallon plastic carts for recyclables to all residential customers; and
- implement a marketing effort to encourage customers not signed up (but already paying) for recycling service to sign up for and use this service as well.

In return, and so long as the changes resulted in increased recyclable production and recycling participation, the County agreed to support Allied's tariff filing to retain 30% of the revenues from the sale of recyclables.

Allied undertook all promised activities. Numbers of customers for waste, recyclable, and yard debris collection increased. While per customer production of recyclables did not increase, waste generation per customer actually showed a decrease.

Allied and Snohomish County are currently formalizing plans for 2006-2007. Major thrusts for this period will include collecting food waste with yard debris, educating the public to keep yard debris separate from solid waste, having drop box drivers notify transfer station staff of loads high in potential recyclables in order to divert them from the waste stream, and attempting to decrease transfer station traffic by increasing recycling and solid waste customers and possibly adding additional services.

Accordingly, as the Principal Planner for the Snohomish County Solid Waste Management Division who prepared and updates the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, who is responsible for determining compliance with that Plan for programs, projects, and facilities, and who has worked with the WUTC certificated haulers on their proposals to retain revenues associated with their curbside recycling activities, I certify the 2006- 2007 Recycling Plan proposed by Allied Waste of Lynnwood is consistent with the current Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

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Sincerely,

Steve Goldstein
Principal Planner
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Snohomish County Public Works Department