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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Responses due by Friday, January 31, 2014)
(Replies to Responses due by Wednesday, February 5, 2014)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, v. Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of the Northwest, Waste Management of Seattle and South Sound, and Waste Management of Sno-King, G-237, Respondent, Dockets TG-120840, TG-120842, and TG-120843,*
and
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, v. Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Container Hauling, Eastside Disposal, Rabanco Companies, Rabanco Connections, Lynnwood Disposal, Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County, Tri-County Disposal, Allied Waste Service of Kent & Rabanco Companies, and Seatac Disposal, G-12, Respondent, Dockets TG-121366, TG-121367, TG-121369, TG-121370, and TG-121371

The following bench request is directed to Waste Management of Washington Inc., *et al* (WMW):

Bench Request No. 5: In WMW's Response Brief, it expressed opposition to the Commission staff's proposed language for when credits should be issued to customers during a work stoppage as follows:

For customers with collection service more frequently than weekly, Staff's Proposal would require the company to issue credits for service misses within the first few days of a strike....Rather than deploy resources to

maximize collections and prioritize critical accounts, the company would be forced to prioritize commercial customers in WUTC territories.¹

WMW later clarifies that:

WMW is not suggesting that commercial customers with daily services will be affirmatively ignored if the Commission were to adopt the approach taken in the Hauler Proposal. Indeed, as the Commission is aware, many of the critical customers for whom services were prioritized in the 2012 strike were commercial.

Please indicate how many daily service customers you serve and group them by customer class (i.e., commercial, industrial, *et cetera*). In addition, please state how many of these daily customers WMW includes within its definition of “critical accounts” which would be prioritized for collection restoration during a temporary labor disruption.

The following bench request is directed to Rabanco Ltd., *et al* (Rabanco):

Bench Request No. 6: Please indicate how many daily service customers you serve and group them according to customer class (i.e., commercial, industrial, *et cetera*). In addition, please state how many of these daily customers Rabanco includes within its definition of “critical stops,” indicated as the primary priority for collection restoration in Rabanco’s Provisional Operating Plan.²

The bench request responses are due on or before **Friday, January 31, 2014**. Parties may reply to the bench request responses on or before **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**.

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties

¹ WMW’s Response Brief, ¶ 16 (August 30, 2013). (Emphasis in original).

² See Attachment 1 to Rabanco’s Response to Bench Request No. 4.