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David W. Danner
Director and Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Waste Management of Washington, Inc.
Recycling Commodity Credits
(Docket Numbers TG-090759, TG-090760 and TG-090761)

Dear Secretary Danner:

On behalf of Snohomish County Solid Waste Division, this letter is to support the request made by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. ("WMW") for an extension of the company's current recycling commodity credits so that the County and WMW may finalize negotiations on a new revenue sharing agreement.

Last year, WMW applied to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for a tariff enabling the company to retain thirty percent of the revenue it received from the sale of recyclable materials collected from residential and multi-family customers in the County, for the purposes of implementing the recycling revenue-sharing plan certified by the County, as permitted by RCW 81.77.185. The Commission's approvals required WMW to make this year's commodity adjustment filing forty-five days prior to the proposed effective date, for an effective date of July 1.

For reasons stated by WMW in its correspondence to the Commission dated May 17, 2010, the company was not able to meet the deadline imposed by the Commission's orders because a new recycling revenue sharing plan is not finalized. WMW and the County have been working together to prepare a revenue sharing plan for 2010. However, WMW and the County are now reviewing information about the company's 2009 performance and possible next steps, and that analysis is necessary to finalize the 2010 plan.

We therefore support WMW's request. We ask the Commission to extend the period for WMW's existing recycling commodity trackers that were approved in 2009, and allow those trackers to remain in place until new ones are approved. We and WMW are working diligently, and we would hope to finalize our County's plan to enable WMW to make a filing by June 15 within the thirty-date extension, or a later date of July 15 if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Solid Waste Utility Director