BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.,

DOCKET TG-121597

Complainant,

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.S PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGTON, INC., d/b/a WM HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS OF WASHINGTON,

v.

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Respondent.

Pursuant to the Notice Setting Filing Deadlines of February 8, 2013, Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed Stericycle's proposed discovery plan and submits the following comments.

As a full party to this proceeding, staff requests that the final plan include Staff as a recipient of copies of records produced by third party witnesses in depositions (Paragraph 7) and as a participant in those depositions (Paragraph 9).

Paragraphs 11 and 13 Stericycle's proposal could negate the purpose of the discovery plan. Consequently, Staff proposes that the phrase "and subject to the agreement of the parties or by order of the Commission" be added at the end of each of those paragraphs.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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