

Solid Waste Division

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Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Attention: Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: <u>Dockets TG-071178 and TG-07</u>1179

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The purpose of this letter is to convey King County's support for extending Waste Management's Recycling and Revenue Sharing Plan for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. King County recommends that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) allow Waste Management to retain the maximum thirty percent of revenues allowed by statute in both the SnoKing area and the South Sound/Seattle area.

In July 2006, King County supported allowing Waste Management to retain 30 percent of commodity revenues through June 30, 2007, the second year of the current two-year revenue sharing plan. Our support for this continuation was based on Waste Management's achievements in the prior year, as per the terms of our agreement. Waste Management has satisfactorily met the terms of the agreement, and we are not requesting that they be required to return any of the revenues that have already been retained.

Waste Management has prepared an amendment to their revenue sharing plan (Addendum 3) based upon input from King County. King County recommends that WUTC approve this amendment, which extends revenue sharing at the 30 percent level until June 30, 2008. If Waste Management does not meet the conditions of the amended Plan, King County may later request that the WUTC consider requiring that some revenues be returned to customers. If all conditions are met during the period, King County has agreed to support extending revenue sharing at the 30 percent level for the following year (through June 30, 2009).

In my position as the Solid Waste Division Director, I have been delegated the authority to make the certification of the revenue sharing plan as required in RCW 81.77.185 statute. I hereby certify that the plan submitted to you by Waste Management, as amended in Addendum 3, is consistent with our local solid waste plan.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of certification and recommendation for the extension of Waste Management's recycling plan. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Reed, Program Analyst, at 206-296-4402 or bill.reed@metrokc.gov.

Sincerely

Theresa Jennings Division Director

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