

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-143889
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	ORDER 05
	)	
v.	)	
	)	FINAL ORDER DISMISSING
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
WASHINGTON, INC. d/b/a WASTE	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
MANAGEMENT OF SPOKANE	)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING
	)	REVISED RATES TO BECOME
Respondent.	)	EFFECTIVE ON A PERMANENT
.....	)	BASIS

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On November 14, 2014, Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of Spokane (WM Spokane or Company), filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that would generate approximately \$1,160,000 (10 percent) additional annual revenue.
- 2 On December 30, 2014, the Commission entered Order 01 in this docket, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision. On January 16, 2015, Spokane County filed a Petition to Intervene.
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) and the Company subsequently agreed to a revised revenue requirement of approximately \$992,000 (8.6 percent) additional annual revenue and lower revised rates. On February 17, 2015, the Company filed revised tariff pages consistent with Staff’s recommendation.
- 4 On February 26, 2015, this matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting. Following a discussion with the parties, the Commission entered Order 02 in this docket, approving the proposed rates on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and setting the matter for prehearing conference to determine Spokane County’s intervenor status and to facilitate further discussion between the parties.

5 On March 16, 2015, the Commission conducted a prehearing conference and granted  
Spokane County's Petition to Intervene. On March 24, 2015, the Commission  
entered Order 04, Prehearing Conference Order, which set a procedural schedule.

6 On April 20, 2015, Spokane County filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Protest and  
Objection. On April 23, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice Suspending  
Procedural Schedule.

### **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

7 We grant Spokane County's request to withdraw its protest and objection to the tariff  
filing. Because Spokane County was the only party disputing that filing, we dismiss  
the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision and allow the rates currently in  
effect on a temporary basis to become permanent.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

8 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute  
with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, and practices of  
public service companies, including solid waste collection companies.

9 (2) WM Spokane is a solid waste collection company and a public service  
company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

10 (3) Spokane County's request to withdraw its protest and objection should be  
granted.

11 (4) Allowing the revised rates and tariff revision filed on November 14, 2014, as  
revised on February 17, 2015, to become effective on a permanent basis is  
consistent with the public interest.

### **ORDER**

#### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

12 (1) Order 01, the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision, is dismissed.

13 (2) Spokane County's request to withdraw its protest and objection is granted.

- 14 (3) The tariff revision Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of Spokane filed in this docket on November 14, 2014, as revised on February 17, 2015, is effective on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 12, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is a final order of the Commission. In addition to judicial review, administrative relief may be available through a petition for reconsideration, filed within 10 days of the service of this order pursuant to RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 480-07-850, or a petition for rehearing pursuant to RCW 80.04.200 or RCW 81.04.200 and WAC 480-07-870.**