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**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
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**Penny Ingram,  
WUTC Staff**

**Dear Ms. Ingram**

**I find it difficult to understand your recommendation to the Commission regarding Docket # TG- 081576 to allow further applications for a G-Certificate for the Point Roberts area based on the rationale presented for doing so. It is not the obligation of the UTC Staff to divert this process because of mis-information disseminated by Whatcom County Solid Waste employee Penni Lemperys and Ms Wadley of Ecology. Yet you and Staff seem to be accommodating Whatcom County and the Department of Ecology by attempting to mitigate their mistakes. It is not your job to do so. It is your job and obligation to protect the interests of the people of Point Roberts. The 30 day extension may or may not benefit anyone, but if the commissioners somehow agree that your argument is solid, all the residents of Point Roberts will still be without curbside solid waste collection as well as curbside recycling and my well lose the opportunity to reinstate those services.**

**Clearly, Ms. Lemperys and Ms. Wadley should have checked the status of the Freedom 2000 application if they felt the need to offer information to the public. But equally important is the concept of personal responsibility for the parties that expressed an interest in the G-Certificate; the process is very clear to anyone who cares to access your website. Anyone who contacts the WUTC, either by telephone or internet, would be able to determine the procedure by which they would be granted a G-certificate as well as the current status of the Freedom 2000 application. Certainly any viable party interested in the Point Roberts area would have done just that.**

**I would hope the open meeting of the Commission will provide an opportunity to clarify the exact nature of the conversation between Ms. Lemperys and Ms Wadley and exactly how you became aware of this conversation. I can only assume that because of the extraordinary measure taken based on an undocumented conversation with un-named parties as outlined in your Staff recommendation that your office must have a more compelling reason for granting a 30 day extension than you have given. And after this next 30 days, what then? Another 30 days?**

**I can only suggest that the correct action to take is for you to withdraw your recommendation so this process can go forward to resolution. The county and ecology employees and their respective agencies will have to take responsibility for mis-informing the public.**

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