

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET NO. TG-030712
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WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)	ORDER NO. 01
WASHINGTON, INC., (RAINIER,)	
NICK RAFFO, RST) G-237)	
)	
FOR REVENUE SHARING UNDER)	
THE PROVISIONS OF)	
RCW 81.77.185)	ORDER REQUIRING REPORTING
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On May 16, 2003, Waste Management of Washington (Waste Management) filed with the Commission revised pages in Tariff No. 20 for its annual commodity revenue adjustment. As part of that filing, Waste Management submitted a Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan for King County under the provisions of RCW 81.77.185.

2 The Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan has been certified by the appropriate local government authority.

3 By December 2, 2005, the Commission must provide a report to the Legislature that evaluates:

4 (1) The effectiveness of revenue sharing as an incentive to increase recycling in the state; and

5 (2) The effect of revenue sharing on costs to customers.

6 In order for the Staff to determine the cost and effectiveness of revenue sharing, it is necessary that the Company provide data and information on its recycling and solid waste programs. The Company is required to submit:

- 7 (1) Copies of all waste composition studies and quarterly reports required by the King County Recycling Plan.
- 8 (2) On a quarterly basis, multi-family statistics that include the tons of solid waste disposed and recycle commodities collected and a count of multi-family customers subscribing to each level of garbage collection.
- 9 (3) For each month in the quarter, the commodity sales revenue for each product sold.
- 10 (4) On a quarterly basis, schedules detailing the costs associated with implementing the Recycling Plan such as the expenses of conducting the waste composition studies, switching to single stream recycling, adding recyclable materials and adding food waste to yardwaste programs.
- 11 (5) Any other information that may be needed to evaluate the effectiveness and cost of the programs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 12 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.01 RCW; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.77 RCW.*
- 13 (2) Waste Management is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 14 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on June 27, 2003. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest enters the following Order.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 15 (1) Waste Management of Washington, Inc., to provide quarterly reports as set forth above. Quarterly reports will continue until September 30, 2005. The reports will be forwarded to the Commission within 20 days of the quarter's end.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of June, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner