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**Subject:** RE: Ridwell compliance with UTC  
**Date:** Friday, March 27, 2020 4:42:54 PM

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Hi Kathryn,

Thank you for your update on Ridwell status with UTC and I look forward to hearing from you about the status of classification after the April 17 hearing. Solid waste collection from commercial and residential households is considered an essential service under the “stay at home” order and they are not required to close at this time.

Have a good weekend!

Eyasu

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The company has a Brief Adjudicative Preceding scheduled for April 17 to determine classification of the company as a solid waste company. The company has applied for an application of certificate of necessity. I will have more information after. However, at this time, staff’s opinion is that they are working towards compliance, they still are operating without the authority of the commission.

Is this company still operating during the shutdown? Have they requested to be considered “essential,” and if so, in what category?

Sincerely,

Kathryn McPherson  
Investigator, Solid Waste Enforcement

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Hi Kathryn,

Ridwell proposed to move to a bigger facility located at 1920 Occidental Ave S, Unit A, Seattle and have submitted a Notice of Intent to operate under solid waste permit exemption. We would like to verify with you first if they have been in compliance with the requirements of UTC for their pickup service so that we can finalize our review. We are happy to share their Notice of Intent document with UTC if you would like to see what they are proposing.

Thank you for your assistance!

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