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Re: Docket No. TG-111949, Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. d/b/a Mason County Garbage, G-88; Request for Exemptions and Current Rate Suspension Status

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-110, Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. ("MCG") is initially seeking an exemption from the rule at WAC 480-07-520(4), in order to allow the disposal fee only filing without filing a general rate case. We believe that this request is consistent with the public interest in noting that the last general rate case by MCG was effective February 1, 2011, less than a year from this filing. Here, the filing seeks to increase rates due solely to the disposal fee adjustment mandated by Mason County, and would note this request's consistency with recent Commission articulations of the intervals under which disposal fee filings and fuel surcharges will be granted without general rate reviews. See, i.e., In the Matter of the Delegation of Authority to the Secretary of the Commission Pursuant to RCW 80.01.030 and Fuel Surcharge Inquiry, Docket A-042090 and Docket T-101661, (April, 2011).

Additionally, pursuant to Order No. 1, TG-111681, *In re: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Mason County Garbage Company d/b/a Mason County Garbage*, G-88, the Commission, in Section 24 of that Order, has suspended any further tariff changes except upon authorization of the Commission under RCW 81.04.130.

Under WAC 480-07-110 and RCW 81.04.210, Mason County Garbage Company respectfully requests that the Commission expressly authorize the filing approval and the change in rate levels should the above rate filing for disposal fee changes be approved in order to allow new rates to be implemented as of January 1, 2012. MCG is not asking for any other change in its tariff during this period and understands that Section 24 of Order No. 1 in Docket No. TG-111681 remains in effect, subject to express Commission authorization of further changes thereto.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me should you have any further questions.

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