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David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: *WUTC v. Waste Management of Washington, Inc.*
TG 101222 (Consolidated)

Dear Secretary Danner:

In the above-identified docket, the parties have discussed with Judge Kopta the option of waiving rights to an initial order under WAC 480-07-820(b)(iv), especially in light of the shared desire to expedite the proceedings. This letter is to respond to that issue on behalf of Waste Management, and to communicate the company's wish to retain its option of petitioning for administrative review.

Although we hope this does not protract the adjudication unnecessarily, our decision is based on the fact that the legal terrain presented by this case is still unsettled, and the operational implications are potentially uncertain.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Judge Kopta
Fronda Woods