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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of:

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DOCKET NO. TG-072226

STATUS REPORT/POSITION OF INTERVENORS RESPONDING TO NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

GLACIER RECYCLE, LLC; HUNGRY BUZZARD RECOVERY, LLC; AND T&T RECOVERY, INC.,

On behalf of the intervenors represented by the undersigned in the above-captioned proceeding, they file the below statement as required by the Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding on September 10, 2009.

As the file in this record will reflect, following Order No. 6 on Partial Summary Adjudication of June 13, 2008, the proceeding was suspended due to a Commission rule-making in TG-080591 which, after prolonged review, is now pending revised stakeholder comments and a significantly more circumscribed draft rule dealing with the regulation of the collection of mixed recyclables bound for material recovery facilities ("MRFs"). Essentially, the proposed rule seeks to interpret the applicability of solid waste certification requirements and the exemption in RCW 81.77.010(8). After receipt and initial review of the revised rule in November, 2009, 2 intervenors have had no contact initiated by the respondent and staff with respect to the current posture of this proceeding. 3 The proposed rule at issue appears to contain provisions regarding at

¹ Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc., Island Disposal, Inc., Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., Lynnwood Disposal d/b/a Allied Waste of Lynnwood, Eastside Disposal d/b/a Allied Waste of Bellevue.

² Written comments on the revised rule are now due from interested parties on January 8, 2010.

³ The September 10, 2009 Notice directs separately filed status reports by all parties in the absence of a joint filed report. Since intervenors are unaware of any such proposed joint report circulating as of today's date, they submit this status report to satisfy the Administrative Law Judge's requirement.

least some of the operational aspects of the complaint in this matter but may not in fact resolve all of the historic practices of the respondents nor address whether the proposed rule, if implemented in toto, in fact resolves all elements of the Staff's complaint.

As intervenors in this proceeding, the companies the undersigned represents obviously do not have a primary role in either the burden of going forward or of presenting any evidence in this action. However, in considering the options set forth in the Administrative Law Judge's "Notice of Requirement to File Final Status Report Prior to Issuance of New Procedural Schedule" of September 10, 2009, it is their considered view that a status conference at a minimum should likely be convened to resolve the unusual current procedural posture of this case.

The staff of the Commission originally filed this complaint on December 28, 2007. The parties are aware that under relevant Commission case law, the time for measurement of the relevant activity subject to the complaint is at the time of filing of a complaint, and that even a potential joint request by the movant and respondent party does not necessarily result in dismissal of a complaint under RCW 81.04.510 or RCW 81.04.110. See, Order SBC No. 490, Clipper Navigation, Inc. v. Puget Sound Express, Inc. – TS-900977 (Feb. 1992).

The complainant has not proposed dismissal of the complaint nor has any party articulated, after the proposed rule was issued for stakeholder comments on November 16, 2009, how the adoption of the proposed or subsequently amended rule might control the outcome in this proceeding. In the absence of any articulation of how the newly revised rule, if adopted, would bear upon the issues raised in the original complaint, these intervenors cannot predicate any further refinement of their legal position on the issues raised by the December, 2007 complaint and therefore would currently oppose the dismissal of this action. At a minimum, they oppose any dismissal

pending a proposed settlement agreement initiated by respondents and/or complainant to be reviewed by the intervenors or some other detailed submission outlining how the proposed rule would resolve all issues set forth in the original complaint. We thus would urge the convening of an additional status or prehearing conference by the Office of Administrative Hearings by early February, 2010.⁴ DATED this 22nd day of December, 2009.

day of December, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ Counsel for the intervenors is presently unavailable January 11, 12 and 19-22, 2010.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by the method as indicated below, pursuant to WAC 480-07-150.

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