February 26, 2003

Administrative Law Judge Larry Berg Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *Empire Disposal, Inc.* Docket No. TG-021358

Dear ALJ Berg:

Regarding Application GA-79113, Docket No. TG-021358, an application transfer of a portion of certificate authority from Carroll-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., G-37, to Empire Disposal, Inc., G-75, I am authorized to represent that Staff has no outstanding issues regarding this application and no information to suggest the requested transfer should not be granted.

Accordingly, Staff recommends the application be granted and the affected certificates be amended and reissued to reflect transfer of a portion of authority from Carroll-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., G-37, to Empire Disposal, Inc., G-75. Specifically:

Certificate No. G-75 standing in the name of Empire Disposal, Inc., should be amended per the attached Appendix A.

Certificate No. G-37 standing in the name of Carroll-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., should be amended per the attached Appendix B.

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Please advise if you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

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