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Re: Request for Extension of Time for Various Associated Filing and Hearing Deadlines
in Murrey's Disposal Company v. Waste Management of Washington, Inc., TG-030673

Dear Judge Moss:

This is to advise that the parties are actively engaged in settlement negotiations which may resolve the need to continue to prosecute the complaint to hearing. These discussions are ongoing and appear promising, and on behalf of Ms. McNeill and myself, we are jointly requesting that you grant a 45 day extension of time for all deadlines including prefilng of testimony, reply testimony, hearing date, etc. pending the outcome of the ongoing discussions. We should be able to advise you on or before September 30 if these negotiations are unsuccessful, at which time we would recommend another substitute hearing schedule be submitted for your review and approval. We have contacted the Assistant Attorney General to inform her of this request and she has indicated no objection to the continuance request.

I will be out of the office on Thursday, August 28 and Friday, August 29, and will be unable to respond to any matters involving this request but invite any questions or comments you have either before or after those dates. Ms. McNeill, however, indicates she at least can field messages on either of those days should you desire additional information.

Yours truly,

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