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September 13, 2019

Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Methow Valley Sanitation, Inc.,
d/b/a Wastewise Methow*
Commission Staff's Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties of Order 01
Docket TG-170987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On October 2, 2017, Methow Valley Sanitation, Inc., d/b/a Wastewise Methow (Wastewise Methow or company) was assessed a penalty of \$15,100 in Docket TG-170987. The penalty was a result of 145 violations of 49 C.F.R. § 391.45(a), three violations of 49 C.F.R. § 391.51(a), and one violation of 49 C.F.R. § 382.301(a) discovered during an investigation conducted in September 2017 that resulted in a "Conditional" safety rating.

On October 13, 2017, the company requested mitigation of the penalty. On October 31, 2017, the commission issued Order 01, which reduced the penalty to \$7,450, and suspended \$3,950 of the penalty for a period of two years subject to the conditions that: 1) Wastewise Methow pay the \$3,500 portion of the penalty that is not suspended, and 2) Wastewise Methow not incur any repeat critical or acute violations upon re-inspection within two years.

On October 31, 2017, the company paid the \$3,500 unsuspended portion of the penalty in full. On September 6, 2019, staff completed a follow-up investigation of Wastewise Methow as outlined in Order 01. The follow-up investigation resulted in a "Satisfactory" safety rating, and no repeat critical or acute violations were discovered.

Staff finds that Wastewise Methow satisfied the conditions of Order 01 and recommends that the \$3,950 suspended penalty be waived.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov or at (360) 664-1238.

Sincerely,

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