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David W. Danner  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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**Re: *Waste Management Revenue Sharing (Docket Nos. TG-101220/101221/101222 and  
Docket Nos. TG-111813/111814/111815 (Consolidated))***

Dear Secretary Danner:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate Snohomish County Solid Waste Division's position regarding the proposed Settlement Agreement between Waste Management of Washington, Inc., and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

We support the proposed settlement, which allows all parties to put the past plan periods behind us and move forward with greater clarity and efficiency.

The recent issuance of the Interpretive and Policy Statement on RCW 81.77.185, by the Commission, provided guidance on how revenue sharing plans should be designed and the Statement provides a great deal of flexibility in defining performance standards and allocating rewards.

By expressing our support of the proposed Settlement Agreement, we do not wish to be bound by the terms presented in it for purposes of future revenue sharing plans or relinquish any of the flexibility afforded under the Statement. The performance standards used in the settlement are derived from our most recent plan approach, and we consider them to be legitimate benchmarks, but they are not the only ones that could be applied. We may implement other approaches, other benchmarks, other percentage allocations, and other program ideas in future plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support of the proposed settlement agreement. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact Sego Jackson at 425-388-6490 or [sego.jackson@snoco.org](mailto:sego.jackson@snoco.org).

Sincerely,



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