BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) DOCKET NO. TG-050074
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LEMAY ENTERPRISES, INC., d/b/a) ORDER NO. 01
PIERCE COUNTY REFUSE G-98,)
)
For Revenue Sharing Under the)
Provisions of RCW 81.77.185) ORDER REQUIRING REPORTING
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BACKGROUND

- On January 14, 2005, LeMay Enterprises, Inc., (Pierce County Refuse) filed with the Commission revised pages in Tariff No. 8.6. Revisions to its tariff consisted of an increased residential recycling rate for the implementation of single-cart curbside recycling per Pierce County Code Chapter 8.29 and to file its annual commodity revenue adjustment. Pierce County Refuse submitted a Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan for Pierce County under the provisions of RCW 81.77.185. The filing also proposed increased rates to pass through higher disposal fees.
- The Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan has been certified by the appropriate local government authority.
- By December 2, 2005, the Commission must provide a report to the Legislature that evaluates:
- 4 (1) The effectiveness of revenue sharing as an incentive to increase recycling in the state; and
- 5 (2) The effect of revenue sharing on costs to customers.

- In order for the Staff to determine the cost and effectiveness of revenue sharing, it is necessary that Pierce County Refuse provide data and information on its recycling and solid waste programs. Pierce County Refuse is required to submit:
- 7 (1) Copies of all quarterly reports required by the Pierce County Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan.
- 8 (2) On a quarterly basis, multi-family statistics that include the tons of solid waste disposed and recycle commodities collected and a count of multi-family customers subscribing to each level of garbage collection.
- 9 (3) On a quarterly basis, for each month in the quarter, the number of residential customers, by service level, and the average monthly weight of a can or cart for each service level.
- 10 (4) On a quarterly basis, a schedule detailing the costs associated with the coordinated public outreach program.
- 11 (5) A copy of the four years of residential baseline data that is being shared with Pierce County.
- 12 (6) Any other information that may be needed to evaluate the effectiveness and cost of the programs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 13 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, and transfers of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.01 RCW; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.77 RCW.
- 14 (2) Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Pierce County Refuse is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 15 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 23, 2005. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest enters the following Order.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Pierce County Refuse to provide quarterly reports as set forth above. Quarterly reports will continue until June 30, 2006. The reports will be forwarded to the Commission within 30 days of the quarter's end.
- 17 (2) The Commissioners having determined this filing to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of February, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary