

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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September 25, 2009

Mike McKee, President Trashbusters of Washington State, LLC Post Office Box 2530 Blaine, Washington 98231-2530

RE: Penalty Assessment TG-091024

Dear Mr. McKee:

A review of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) records indicates that you have not remitted payment for the enclosed Notice of Penalties dated June 29, 2009.

If we do not receive your \$100 payment by October 2, 2009, the commission will consider additional sanctions. In addition, we will refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General for collection.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Sheri Hoyt, Compliance Investigator. Ms. Hoyt can be reached at (360) 664-1149, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:shoyt@wutc.wa.gov">shoyt@wutc.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner

Executive Director and Secretary

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Enclosure

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# NOTICE OF PENALTIES INCURRED AND DUE FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS AND RULES

PENALTY ASSESSMENT: TG-091024 PENALTY AMOUNT: \$100

TRASHBUSTERS OF WASHINGTON STATE, LLC POST OFFICE BOX 2530 BLAINE, WASHINGTON 98231-2530

The Commission believes that you have committed a violation of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Code 480-70-071 which requires solid waste companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year. You are classified as such a company. Commission records show that you did not make the filing by the required date of May 1, 2009. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 81.04.405 allows penalties of \$100 for every such violation. Each and every such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation.

As a result, the Commission hereby notifies you that it has assessed penalties against you in the amount \$100, as follows:

On March 2, 2009, the commission mailed 2008 Annual Report forms and 2009 Regulatory Fee packets to solid waste carriers certificated with it. A letter from Executive Director and Secretary David W. Danner instructed companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1, 2009. Further, the letter stated failure to file the annual report by May 1 could result in a penalty. Those companies wishing to request an extension to file the annual report were asked to do so prior to May 1, providing a reason for the requested extension.

On March 27, 2009, the commission mailed a notice to all solid waste carriers reminding them that 2008 annual reports and 2009 regulatory fees were due by May 1, 2009.

On May 15, 2009, the commission sent letters to those companies that had not yet filed their reports. The letter, signed by David Danner, gave an extension to companies to file their reports by May 29, 2009. In the letter, Mr. Danner stated the commission would not seek a fine or move to revoke the registration of any company with a report received by the commission postmarked no later than May 29.

As of June 23, 2009, Trashbusters of Washington State, LLC, failed to file the 2008 Annual Report.

This information, if proved at a hearing and not rebutted or explained, is sufficient to support the penalty assessment.

Your penalty is due and payable now. If you believe the violation did not occur, you may request a hearing to contest the penalty assessment. If there is a reason for the violation that you think should excuse you from the penalty, you may ask for mitigation (reduction) of this penalty. See RCW 81.04.405.

You have the right to present your request for review or mitigation at a hearing, but you are not required to do so. If you do, the Commission will review the evidence supporting your request in an informal hearing, called a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, before an administrative law judge. The administrative law judge will consider your plea and notify you of his or her decision.

## You must act within 15 days after receiving this notice to do one of the following:

- Pay the amount due.
- Request a hearing to contest the occurrence of the violations.
- Request mitigation to contest the amount of the penalty.

Please indicate your selection on the enclosed form and send it to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, within FIFTEEN (15) days after you receive this notice.

If you do not act within 15 days, the Commission may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General for collection. The Commission may then sue you to collect the penalty.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 30, 2009.

ANN E. RENDAHL Administrative Law Judge

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### PENALTY ASSESSMENT TG-091024

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must complete and sign this document, and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements.

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[ ] 1. Payment of penalty. I admit that the violation payment of the penalty.	occurred and enclose \$100 in
[ ] 2. Request for a hearing. I believe that the alleg the following information, and request a hearing law judge;	ed violation did not occur, based on ng for a decision by an administrative
[ ] 3. Application for mitigation. I admit the violation should be reduced for the reason(s) set out below [ ] a) I ask for a hearing for a decision by an OR [ ] b) I waive a hearing and ask for an admit I present here:	ow. 1 administrative law judge
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the foregoing, including information I have presented on an	State of Washington that the y attachments, is true and correct.
Dated: [month/day/year], at	[city, state
Name of Respondent (company) - please print	Signature of Applicant

RCW 9A.72.020:

"Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor's mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony."