

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET TG-120283
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PENINSULA SANITATION	)	ORDER 01
SERVICE, INC., G-11,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption from the	)	
Provisions of WAC 480-07-520(4)(c)	)	ORDER GRANTING
Relating to Supporting Work Papers	)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 Docket TG-120283 involves a proposed tariff revision filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) on February 29, 2012, by Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc. (Peninsula or Company). Peninsula serves over 4,000 customers in portions of Pacific and Wahkiakum counties. The filing would generate approximately \$636,000 (31.9 percent) additional annual revenue for Peninsula.
  
- 2 On March 16, 2012, Peninsula filed a petition requesting an exemption from the work paper filing requirements set out in WAC 480-07-520(4) (c).
  
- 3 WAC 480-07-520(4) (c) requires Peninsula to file work papers that contain detailed financial data for Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc., its affiliated interests, and its business units. The plain language of the rule requires these work papers to include an income statement listing all revenue and expense accounts by month.
  
- 4 The Company stated that WAC 480-07-520(4) (c) would impose a burden on Peninsula because the company maintains its general ledger on a quarterly basis, and strict compliance would require manual recompilation of data into monthly amounts, a time-consuming and unproductive process without any commensurate benefit to the ratepayers.
  
- 5 Peninsula requested the Commission to grant an exemption from WAC 480-07-520(4) (c) consistent with the following:

(a) WAC 480-07-520(4) (Work papers) – Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc. asks for an exemption for the purposes of this proceeding only for (c) (income statement listing all revenue and expense accounts by month), allowing the supporting work papers to provide the following: an income statement showing revenues and expenses by quarter.

6 Staff reviewed Peninsula’s request for an exemption from WAC 480-07-520(4) (c). The Company’s quarterly statements correspond to the twelve-month test period and provide sufficient information to analyze the rate case. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission grant the Company’s request, as set forth above.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.
- 8 (2) Peninsula is engaged in the business of providing solid waste services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) Peninsula is subject to WAC 480-07-520(4), which requires the Company to file work papers that contain detailed financial data for the Company, its affiliated interests, and its business units. The plain language of the rule requires these work papers to include an income statement listing all revenue and expense accounts by month.
- 10 (4) Peninsula filed proposed tariff revisions on February 29, 2012, seeking to increase rates by approximately \$636,000 (31.9 percent).
- 11 (5) In support of its proposed tariff revisions, Peninsula filed work papers containing quarterly income statements, instead of monthly income statements.

- 12 (6) Under WAC 480-70-051, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-70, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also* WAC 480-07-110.
- 13 (7) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2012.
- 14 (8) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-120283 by Peninsula on March 16, 2012, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 15 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc.'s Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-07-520(4) is granted, in part, consistent with the terms of this Order.
- 16 (2) The exemption granted to Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc., in this Order applies only to the general rate proceeding in Docket TG-120283.
- 17 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 12, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary