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**NOTICE CONTINUING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(June 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: In re Application No. GA-079114 of EMPIRE DISPOSAL, INC.
For Extension of Authority Under Certificate No. G-75
Docket No. TG-021359

TO THE PARTIES:

On January 23, 2003, the Commission convened a prehearing conference in Docket No. TG-021359. Empire Disposal, Inc. ("Empire"), and protestant Waste Management of Washington, Inc. ("Waste Management"), reported that they were negotiating to resolve issues underlying Waste Management's protest. Empire and Waste Management jointly requested that the prehearing conference be continued for a sufficient time in order to conclude negotiations. The companies' request for a continuance was granted, and a prehearing conference was scheduled for April 10, 2003. On March 31, 2003, Waste Management filed a letter stating that Empire and Waste Management have reached an agreement in principle on issues related to this application. The parties jointly request an additional extension of approximately 45 days to allow sufficient time for the parties to file applications related to their agreement and for Commission Staff to review the various filings.

The Commission finds good cause for granting the request, and the prehearing conference previously scheduled to be held on April 10, 2003, is continued until **June 5, 2003**. All of Commission Staff's rights are reserved until the next scheduled proceeding.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2003, in Room 108, Commission Headquarters, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purposes of the prehearing conference remain as stated in the notice served on December 27, 2002. Any party that intends to raise any other matter at the prehearing conference is requested

to advise the bench and other parties via email no later than two business days before the conference date. The Commission may convert the prehearing conference to a settlement hearing by notice prior to the conference date.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. BERG
Administrative Law Judge