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Executive Director Danner:

Pierce County submits the attached document in response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) Notice of Opportunity to Comment on issues which arose in the Recycling Revenue Sharing Workshop held January 9, 2012.

The general theme is the need to build a stronger partnership between counties, the Commission, and regulated solid waste collection companies to increase the amount and value of recyclable commodities diverted from landfill disposal.

One specific recommendation calls for Commission publication of a guidance manual or instruction booklet to assist counties' and regulated companies' preparation of recycling plans and to advise counties and companies on the steps Commission staff will take in the review of the plans. The model for such a document already exists at the Commission: the *Cost Assessment Guidelines*.

Pierce County applauds the Commission's decision to move these discussions from individual contested cases involving specific counties, companies, and filings, to a venue where all can participate. We also commend taking an approach that could limit the end product to an interpretive or policy statement. Allowing the process to stop short of a rulemaking shows a bias for expediency, flexibility, frugality, and practicality. This is much appreciated.



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County staff valued our participation in the January workshop and looks forward to reviewing our colleagues' comment letters and to participate in the March 28 workshop. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions. My phone number is (253) 798-4656 and my e-mail address is steve.wamback@co.pierce.wa.us.

Respectfully,



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