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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**Re: US Ecology Washington, Inc.
Filing 2019 Rates – Waiver Requested – Order 02 in Docket TL-070848**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing are the electronic tariff revisions and work papers for the annual filing pursuant to the extension of the Settlement Agreement accepted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the Commission's Docket No. TL-070848 (Order No. 02). The tariff sheets enclosed are as follows: **Schedule A – Twenty-ninth Revision of Sheet Nos. 1, 3 and 4, Twenty-eighth Revision of Sheet No. 2; Thirteenth Revision of Sheet No. 6.**

In addition, US Ecology is requesting a one time waiver of a specific provision contained in the Settlement Agreement that was approved under Order 02 in Docket TL-070848. Specifically, in paragraph 1(b) of the Settlement Agreement, dealing with Annual Projections, it is stated that the Company (US Ecology) is to request each of its customers (generators) submit estimates of the low level radioactive waste that will be submitted by volume, numbers of containers and shipments, and average dose rate per container. The Company is then to use those estimates to produce the projected rates for the coming year. The Settlement Agreement only allows US Ecology to prepare its own estimate where a customer does not respond to the request for an estimate. Unfortunately, for the past three years, multiple customers have significantly over estimated their use of the facility. This has resulted in an under recovery and a resulting carryover of revenue requirement to the subsequent year. In 2016, this was \$445,000. In 2017, it was \$1,900,000. It is forecasted that the under recover for 2018 will be approximately \$1,200,000. The carryover produces rates for all customers that are higher than what would be

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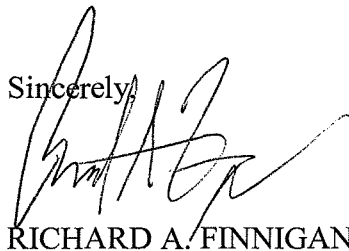
the case if there was not an under recovery. In order to be fair to all customers and to try to minimize any under collection for 2019, US Ecology requests that the Commission grant a waiver of paragraph 1(b) of the Settlement Agreement to allow US Ecology to submit its own estimate of low level radioactive waste for use in calculating 2019 projected rates.

US Ecology has discussed this matter with Commission Staff. Notice of the request for waiver is going to the generators (customers) through this filing. In addition, US Ecology has discussed the projections and estimates with the generators that have made the over projections before making this filing.

The generators are receiving notice through an electronic mailing of this date. A list of generators is attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for consideration of the waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RAF', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Cc: Client (via e-mail)
Generator List (via e-mail)