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September 18, 2019

RE: *In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Methow Valley Sanitation Service, Inc., d/b/a Wastewise Methow in the Amount of \$15,100*
Docket TG-170987

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 2, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment (Penalty Assessment) against Methow Valley Sanitation Service, Inc., d/b/a Wastewise Methow (Wastewise Methow or Company) in the Amount of \$15,100 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-70-201, which adopts by reference sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).

On October 13, 2017, Wastewise Methow responded to the Penalty Assessment, admitting the violations and requesting mitigation of the penalty. On October 26, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission grant the Company's request for mitigation.

On October 31, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Granting Mitigation, in Part, Imposing and Suspending Penalties (Order 01). Order 01 assessed a reduced penalty of \$7,450 and suspended a \$3,950 portion of the penalty for a period of two years subject to the conditions that Wastewise Methow: 1) not incur any repeat critical or acute violations; and 2) pay the remaining \$3,500 penalty, or file an agreed payment plan with Staff, within 10 days of the effective date of the order.

On September 13, 2019, Staff filed a letter in docket TG-170987 informing the Commission that Staff conducted a follow-up safety investigation of Wastewise Methow on September 6, 2019, during which it did not discover any repeat critical or acute safety violations. Staff's letter further stated that the Company paid the \$3,500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended within 10 days of the effective date of Order 01.

The Commission finds that Wastewise Methow has complied with the conditions of Order 01. The \$3,950 portion of the penalty that was suspended is now waived, and this docket is closed.

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary