

June 4, 2003

Ms. Ann Rendahl
Administrative Law Judge
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Docket No. TG-021359
In re the Application No. GA-079114

Dear Ms. Rendahl:

I received a copy of Ms. McNeill's June 3, 2003 letter, in which she requests an extension of time in the above docket, on behalf of Waste Management and Empire Disposal. Commission Staff does not oppose the request.

As Ms. McNeill's letter indicates, both companies have filed additional applications to clarify and revise their service territories. Three such applications have been filed: GA-030685, an application of Waste Management to extend its operating authority; GA-030686, an application of Empire Disposal to transfer a portion of its operating authority to Waste Management; GA-030687, an application of Waste Management to transfer a portion of its operating authority to Empire Disposal.

These three applications are being published on the Commission's docket for the thirty-day period beginning May 19, 2003.

It is also anticipated that Empire Disposal will amend its application in Docket No. TG-012359, as part of the resolution of that docket.

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Accordingly, since the disposition of Docket No. TG-0102359 depends on the three applications currently subject to publication, the Commission Staff does not oppose the request for further continuance.

Very truly yours,

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Cc: All Parties