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October 22, 2013

Mr. Steven King, Executive Director
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket UG-131589

Dear Mr. King:

I am writing to express my hope that the compressed natural gas service proposed by Puget Sound Energy is approved to help advance the use of alternative fuels for fleet vehicles operating in Washington state.

As a fleet owner and operator, Waste Connections, Inc. is currently using natural gas as a fuel for part of our fleet in Clark County, Washington. Low cost and clean-burning compared to diesel or gasoline, natural gas as a fuel for fleets offers Waste Connections favorable economic and significant environmental advantages.

One of the challenges in making a change to natural gas for fleet use is refueling infrastructure. Currently, there are only a few publicly and commercially available fueling stations. The capital investment for refueling equipment is significant.

PSE's proposed service would provide us another option for on-site refueling that would help us deliver turn-key sourcing for our operations, while spreading the capital costs over time.

Because PSE is a regulated utility, I am confident that the pricing for the proposed compressed natural gas service will be coordinated, open, and transparent, giving our company and others fleet owners like us more motivation to make a significant investment in natural gas fleet vehicles.

As the private sector and local and state governments share the responsibility to operate alternative-fueled vehicles, we support the implementation of innovative mechanisms, like Puget Sound Energy's compressed natural gas tariff proposal, to spur further development toward greater use of natural gas in the transportation sector.

I encourage you to approve Puget Sound Energy's proposed service.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Westmoreland
Western Region VP or Governmental Affairs
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