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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Responses due by Thursday, November 17, 2011)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc., et al.*, Dockets TG-111672, TG-111674 & TG-111681
(consolidated)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issues the following bench requests to Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. (Murrey's), American Disposal Company, Inc. (American), and Mason County Garbage Company, Inc. (Mason) (collectively Companies or individually Company):

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1 (to all Companies):

For each 2011-2012 recycling revenue sharing plan submitted to the Commission for approval in these dockets in which the Company's entitlement to a percentage or portion of retained revenues is contingent on, or otherwise tied to, satisfying or accomplishing a specific task or performance goal, please provide the following information for each identified task or goal in the plan:

- a. A demonstration of how satisfying or accomplishing the task or goal will, or is reasonably designed to, *increase* recycling;
- b. An estimate of the expenses or costs the Company anticipates incurring to satisfy or accomplish the task or goal during the plan period, including any work papers that support the estimate of expenses or costs; and
- c. If the task or goal is the same as, or comparable to, a task or goal identified in a prior plan, the expenses or costs the Company actually incurred to satisfy or accomplish the task or goal during the prior plan period, including any work papers that support the expense or cost calculations.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 2 (to all Companies):

Please provide an estimate of the total revenues the Company anticipates receiving from the sale of recyclable materials during the 2011-2012 plan period, including any work papers that support the total revenue projection.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 3 (to all Companies):

For each 2010-2011 recycling revenue sharing plan the Commission approved in Dockets TG-101542, TG-101545 & TG-101548 (consolidated), please provide the following information for each element or provision of the plan in which the Company's entitlement to a percentage or portion of retained revenues was contingent on, or otherwise tied to, satisfying or accomplishing a specific task or performance goal:

- a. A demonstration of how the Company's compliance with the element or provision of the plan *increased* recycling;
- b. A budget or estimate prepared on or before the date the Company submitted the plan to the Commission for approval detailing the expenses or costs the Company anticipated it would incur to comply with the element or provision of the plan, including any work papers supporting the budget or estimate; and
- c. The date or other time period on or in which the Company became aware that fifty percent (or thirty percent in the case of Mason) of the recycling revenues the Company was retaining substantially exceeded the expenses or costs the Company was incurring or was likely to incur to comply with all elements of the plan.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 4 (to Murrey's and American):

For each quarterly meeting between Company and Pierce County representatives during the 2010-2011 recycling revenue sharing plan period, please provide the following information:

- a. The date of the meeting;
- b. The names and titles of the persons attending the meeting;
- c. The purpose of, and topics discussed during, the meeting; and

- d. A copy of any documents exchanged or otherwise provided during the meeting.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 5 (to Mason):

Regarding the recycling revenue figures or calculations that Mason uses in its report to the Commission on the amount of revenue the Company retained and the amounts it spent on activities identified in its 2010-2011 recycling plan, did Mason discount the recyclable commodity values? If so, please describe the basis for such a discount and provide a copy of all documents on which the Company relied or that otherwise support the discount.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than **Thursday, November 17, 2011**, with an original and five (5) copies.

If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Gregory J. Kopta, Administrative Law Judge, at 360-664-1355, or via e-mail at gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge