

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

ECOMED SERVICES, LLC

For Authority to Operate as a Solid
Waste Collection Company in
Washington or Alternatively for
Exemptions from Commission Rules
Governing Regulated Collection of
Medical Waste

DOCKET TG-152373

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
(Set for June 29, 2016,
at 9:30 a.m.)

- 1 **APPLICATION:** On December 18, 2015, EcoMed Services, LLC (EcoMed or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for authority to operate as a solid waste collection company in Washington. The Commission has notified the Company of deficiencies in its application, and EcoMed has been providing information to remedy those deficiencies.
- 2 **PETITION:** On April 11, 2016, EcoMed filed with the Commission a request for exemption from the Commission rules sufficient to enable EcoMed to transport medical waste solely for Multicare Health System either without a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission or with a limited certificate. The Company seeks to be able to provide its proposed service, either through an exemption from applicable regulation or by obtaining a certificate.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80 and RCW Title 81, and has legal authority to regulate solid waste collection companies in the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 81.77, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 81.77.020 and RCW 81.77.040. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07 and 480-70, relating to solid waste collection companies.
- 4 **PROCEDURES:** The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.
- 5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on June 29, 2016, in the Commission's Hearing Room,**

**Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.,
Olympia, Washington.**

6 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, to resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

7 **PROTESTS:** Pursuant to WAC 480-70-106, an existing certificate holder may file a protest to EcoMed’s application. All such protests must be filed by June 20, 2016.

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least five business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a).

9 **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE; INTERPRETER:** Party representatives must file notices of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2), no later than the day before the conference. If any party needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

11 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 12 Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson from the Commission's Administrative Law Division will preside during this proceeding.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 19, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary

Service Date: May 19, 2016

NOTICE

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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