

## **Solid Waste Division**

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David W. Danner, Secretary and Executive Director Attention: Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Docket TG-100857

Dear Mr. Danner:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: to provide King County's comments regarding the 2009 – 2010 recycling revenue sharing plan of Fiorito Enterprises, Inc & Rabanco Companies, dba Kent Meridian Disposal Company (Kent-Meridian); and to certify, as required by RCW 81.77.185, that a proposed new 2010 – 2011 revenue sharing plan developed by Kent-Meridian is consistent with the King County solid waste management plan.

## 2009-2010 Plan

King County is satisfied that Kent-Meridian implemented all elements of the 2009-2010 recycling plan satisfactorily. We do not recommend that Kent-Meridian be required to return any of the revenues that they were allowed to retain during the plan period.

## 2010 – 2011 Plan Certification

Kent-Meridian and King County have come to an agreement on a recycling plan for the period beginning August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2011. A copy of the plan signed by both parties will be transmitted to the WUTC separately.

We recommend that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) allow Kent-Meridian to retain 50 percent of the revenues from sale of commodities during this period. If Kent-Meridian does not meet the conditions of the Plan, King County may later request that the WUTC consider returning some of these revenues to customers. Another agreement with Kent-Meridian will be required for King County to support extending revenue sharing beyond July 31, 2011.

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In my position as Solid Waste Division Director, I have been delegated the authority to make the certification of this plan required in RCW 81.77.185. I hereby certify that the plan submitted to you by Kent-Meridian and King County is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Statements in the solid waste plan that support this certification include the following:

- "The cities and County will maintain and enhance the current residential collection service levels for recyclables." (page 4-31)
- "(T)he County and the cities will continue to research the benefits of using a commingled collection system, changing the frequency of collection and adding materials for collection." (page 5-18)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of certification and comments on Kent -Meridian's recycling plan. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Reed, Program Analyst, at 206-296-4402 or bill.reed@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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