

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the provisions of
WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of
Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies

DOCKET TG-210249

ORDER 01

GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 13, 2021, Sanitary Service Company, Inc. (Sanitary Service or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2020 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. According to Sanitary Service, it is unable to prepare the report because Company staff are engaged in the final stages of preparing a general rate case. The Company seeks an extension to file its annual report until August 1, 2021.
- 2 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the request and finds it reasonable, and recommends granting Sanitary Service’s request for exemption, but notes that the Company’s regulatory fee is still due in full by May 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION

- 3 The Commission may grant an extension for filing annual reports under WAC 480-70-071 if the extension request is filed before the May 1 due date. However, WAC 480-70-076(3) states the Commission does not grant extensions for payment of regulatory fees. We agree with Staff and grant the extension to file the annual report no later than August 1, 2021, but note that regulatory fees are still due by May 1, 2021, if the Company wishes to avoid accruing interest and incurring penalties.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 5 (2) Sanitary Service is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Sanitary Service is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 7 (4) Under WAC 480-70-071(1)(c), the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2021.
- 9 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-210249 by Sanitary Service, on April 13, 2021, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that extending the deadline by which Sanitary Service must file an annual report is in the public interest, is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes, and that it should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Sanitary Service Company, Inc.'s request for an extension until August 1, 2021, to file its 2020 annual report is granted.
- 11 (2) Failure by Sanitary Service Company, Inc., to file its 2020 annual report by August 1, 2021, will result in enforcement action, up to and including canceling Sanitary Service Company, Inc.'s certificate.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Sanitary Service Company, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 22, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary