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Ms. Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: US Ecology Washington, Inc.
Filing 2024 Preliminary Rates**

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Enclosed for filing are the electronic tariff revisions and work papers for the preliminary rate filing pursuant to the extension of the Settlement Agreement accepted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the Commission's Docket No. TL-070848 (Order No. 03). The tariff sheets enclosed are as follows: **Schedule A – Thirty-ninth Revision of Sheet Nos. 1, 3 and 4, Thirty-eighth Revision of Sheet No. 2.**

The rates have increased significantly due to shipments lagging behind projected amounts during the year so the annualization for Nov. and Dec. using the amounts from the first 10 months results in large amounts under the revenue requirement to be carried forward to 2024. Also, the projections for 2024 are noticeably smaller amounts compared to previous years and the inflation adjustment is still relatively high.

However, we anticipate actually finishing close to or above the revenue requirement amounts in all components except Site Availability as a result of actual shipments that have already come in and are expected to come in during Nov. and Dec. so the final rates effective May 1, 2024 will not be as high as these.

The generators are receiving notice through an electronic mailing of this date. The rate filing will be tried up with a filing projected for late March of 2024.

Kathy Hunter
November 30, 2023
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A copy of this filing is being served on all active parties to the Settlement Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Finnigan /cs".

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosures

Cc: Client (via e-mail)
Generator List (via e-mail)