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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

## RE: Walla Walla County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft July 2024

Dear Executive Director and Secretary:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Walla Walla County's preliminary draft Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on July 30, 2024. I am forwarding you their Plan submittal along with this cover letter to formally request Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) review of the Plan.

Per RCW <u>70A.205.065</u>, Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any preliminary draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under Chapter 81.77 RCW and advise the submitting county and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for the City of Walla Walla and for Ecology are below:

**City of Walla Walla** Leah Rohan Environmental Engineer City of Walla Walla <u>Irohan@wallawalla.gov</u> 509-524-4712 **Department of Ecology** 

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I look forward to receiving your input. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Walla Walla County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft, July 2024