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Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Request for Review – 2021 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

To whom it may concern:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a formal request from Pierce County to review their 2021 Preliminary Draft Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) via e-mail on Wednesday, September 13, 2021. Today, I am forwarding you their Plan submittal along with this cover letter to formally request a Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) review of their Plan. You can access the document via this link https://ecy.app.box.com/file/859596693535?s=dvvn5rj2gstoztyfygzo2tz38wj64r4x

Per RCW 70A.205.065, Ecology is required 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 within 45 days advise the submitting county and Ecology of the likely effect of the Plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for both these agencies is below:

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We look forward to receiving your review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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