

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS TG-120840, TG-120842
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and TG-120843
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)	
WASHINGTON, INC. D/B/A WASTE)	NOTICE OF HEARING
MANAGEMENT OF THE)	(Set for Friday, June 14, 2013, at
NORTHWEST, WASTE)	9:30 a.m.)
MANAGEMENT OF SEATTLE AND)	
SOUTH SOUND, AND WASTE)	
MANAGEMENT OF)	
SNO-KING, G-237,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

- 1 On June 16, 2012, Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of the Northwest, Waste Management of Seattle and South Sound, and Waste Management of Sno-King, G-237, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that proposed to add language regarding missed pickups due to a labor dispute to Item 30 in its three tariffs. The stated effective date is September 1, 2012.

- 2 WAC 480-70-281 requires all solid waste collection companies to file proposed tariffs on forms available from the Commission or on comparable forms approved by the Commission. The Commission adopted the current tariff template in 2001 in Docket TG-010374, which does not include Waste Management’s proposed language for labor disputes in Item 30, Limitations of Service.

- 3 On May 18, 2012, the Commission sent a letter to Waste Management reminding the Company that its tariff does not address labor disputes. Waste Management worked with Commission Staff to craft proposed tariff language and filed proposed tariffs on June 6, 2012, all scheduled to become effective August 1, 2012. On July 12, 2012, Waste Management, at Commission Staff’s request, postponed the effective date of the three tariffs to September 1, 2012. Staff asked the Company to postpone those tariffs so that

we could continue working with the Company and the broader industry to bring an industry-wide proposal to the Commission instead of company-specific proposals.

4 On July 25, 2012, Waste Management employees went on strike. That same day, the Company filed a request that the Commission consider and approve its pending tariff revisions at the July 27 open meeting. The Commission discussed the pending tariffs at the July 27 open meeting, but took no action on the Company's request.

5 On August 9, 2012, the Commission held a special open meeting in Woodinville to discuss the Company's response to the strike and to hear from the public how the strike impacted customers.

6 On August 21, 2012, the Company asked the Commission to "...approve, on a temporary basis, the Company's proposed methodology for handling missed collections, while at the same time refraining from an approval about the tariff language itself."

7 The Commission suspended operation of the tariffs on August 30, 2012, by Order 01 entered in the above-referenced dockets,¹ and reopened Docket TG-010374 to consider whether to amend Item 30 – Limitations of Service, which the Commission adopted as part of the standard tariff template for traditional solid waste collection companies.

8 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 81, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of solid waste collection companies pursuant to RCW 81.77. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 81.04 and RCW 81.28 relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 81.01.010 and RCW 81.04.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-70, relating to solid waste collection companies.

9 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

¹ The suspension period expires on July 1, 2013.

- 10 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. See WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).
- 11 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a hearing in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 14, 2013, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The hearing is set at the same time as a hearing in Dockets TG-121366, TG-121367, TG-121369, TG-121370 and TG-121371.²
- 12 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing no later than Tuesday, **June 11, 2013.** See WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the hearing, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the hearing. See WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- 13 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**
- 14 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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² *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Container Hauling, Eastside Disposal, Rabanco Companies, Rabanco Connections, Lynnwood Disposal, Allied Waste Services of Lynnwood, Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County, Tri-County Disposal, Allied Waste Services of Kent & Rabanco Companies, and Seatac Disposal (G-12), and Fiorito Enterprises, Inc. & Rabanco Companies d/b/a Kent Meridian Disposal Company (G-60).*

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- 15 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 16 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 6, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Acting Executive Director and Secretary

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

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