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Before the  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

In the Matter of the Application of Waste Management of Washington, Inc.  
D/B/A WM Healthcare Solutions of Washington  
Docket No. TG-120033

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TERRY JOHNSON

On behalf of Waste Management of Washington, Inc.

October 1, 2012

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Terry Johnson. My business address is 503 East Highland Avenue, Chelan,  
3 WA 98816.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A. I am employed by Lake Chelan Community Hospital as Director of Plant Engineering.

6 **Q. Would you please describe your educational background and professional  
7 employment experience?**

8 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from San Diego State University in  
9 1974. I became a Certified Public Accountant in Washington in 1976. My CPA  
10 certification is now inactive. I have been employed by Lake Chelan Community  
11 Hospital since 1999.

12 **Q. What are your primary responsibilities for Lake Chelan Community Hospital?**

13 A. I am responsible for overseeing the plant, biomedical equipment, security, safety and  
14 utilities, including the collection of Lake Chelan Community Hospital's regulated  
15 biomedical waste ("RMW") by the hauler.

16 **Q. What are the subjects of the testimony you are offering today?**

17 A. I will testify about the reasons why Lake Chelan Community Hospital supports Waste  
18 Management of Washington, Inc.'s application for statewide authority to provide RMW  
19 services.

20 **Q. Please describe Lake Chelan Community Hospital's facility.**

21 A. Lake Chelan Community Hospital is a 25-bed facility with a 24-hour emergency room  
22 and both inpatient and outpatient services, including a surgical center, birth place,  
23 physical therapy, laboratory services and radiology.

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1 **Q. Who provides Lake Chelan Community Hospital RMW service?**

2 A. Lake Chelan Community Hospital contracts with Stericycle of Washington, Inc. to  
3 provide RMW service.

4 **Q. Does Lake Chelan Community Hospital support Waste Management's application  
5 for statewide authority?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. Why does Lake Chelan Community Hospital support this application?**

8 A. Lake Chelan Community Hospital currently has only one option for RMW service.  
9 Lake Chelan Community Hospital strongly supports a competitive market for RMW  
10 service which will ensure the highest possible quality of service for this specialized  
11 waste with its material risk of ongoing generator liability. A choice among haulers will  
12 provide Lake Chelan Community Hospital with leverage and the ability to obtain a true  
13 market price. Moreover, having a single source for such a critical service increases the  
14 risk assessment in the event of a major catastrophe like a forest fire closing roads or an  
15 earthquake.

16 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

17 A. Yes.

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