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**Re: *In re Joint Applications GA-79141, GA-79142,  
GA-79159 and Petition to Amend Orders  
TG-030433, TG-030434 and TG-030590***

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This office represents Washington Refuse and Recycling Association in the above-referenced matters. It is my understanding that staff has determined that comments to the Petition are due October 20, 2004, and that a prehearing conference will be convened at some point in the future.

WRRRA's comments are that, first, a prehearing conference should take place if the Commission intends to have a hearing on the Petition. However, it seems premature at this point to even consider this Petition, as it involves an issue which is currently before the Courts. Until the matter is fully resolved by the judicial system, consideration by the Commission at this time may well prove to be superfluous.

In any case, WRRRA does wish to take part in any proceedings regarding this Petition and requests to be placed on the "interested party list."

Very truly yours,

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