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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Amanda Maxwell
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket TG-210912 WUTC v Murrey's Disposal Company, Order No. 01; Request for Exemption

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-110 and WAC 480-70-051, this is to formally request an exemption from rule seeking forbearance of enforcement of Order 01 to the extent of its requirement in paragraphs 13 and 19 of the Order, directing Murrey's/Olympic Disposal ("Olympic" or "Company") to submit a compliance filing by May 15, 2023 to allow for potential rate adjustments to single Tariff Item No. 260.

Olympic here seeks a 6-month extension until November 15, 2023 in order for it to now prepare and file an overall general rate case affecting all of the current Tariff No. 25 of Olympic Disposal which will in turn include full test year data not only for Item 260 expenses but for the entire geographic and service level scope of Olympic's operations.

During 2022, Olympic not only adjusted rates for Item 260 after resuming service to customers the previous summer following an administrative proceeding clarifying Olympic's rights to serve, but it also experienced loss of a major city contract in its territory and which municipal service itself has significantly impacted remaining overall service routes and the cost to provide service in remaining territory which has entailed and continues to involve relocation of resources, equipment and personnel reassignments and attendant accounting adjustments.

This has also refocused our Division's allocation of costs which involves a thorough realignment of operations. Because of these recent changes, Olympic believes it would be a far more prudent use of its and the WUTC staff's time to prepare and submit a comprehensive general rate case filing by the fourth quarter, 2023 rather than submit a compliance filing for only a single isolated Item now which would lack the comprehensiveness of a general rate case

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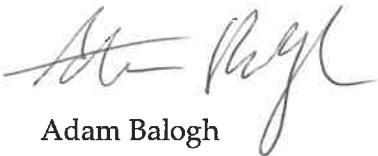
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and which would involve significant recalibrations following the operational changes described above largely owing to the loss of the largest municipal contract in Olympic's territory.

Affording Olympic relief from the current compliance filing deadline will also unquestionably aid the establishment of just, fair and sufficient rates by providing necessary time for the Company to rebalance resources and to more accurately reflect revenue and expense calculations and reconciliations thereof which will be clearly beneficial. Against the backdrop of evolving service and operational parameters and the pronounced spike in overall costs due to inflation in the past year, Olympic believes affording it a modicum of additional time will also serve the accuracy and efficiency of its regulated operations and, in so doing, serve the public interest as well.

Olympic therefore respectfully asks that the Commission grant its request, obviating the need for a compliance filing by May 15, 2023 and instead, authorizing an extension of time to file an overall general rate case on or before November 15, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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Division Controller

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