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Attn: Theodora Mace, Administrative Law Judge

Re: **Application GA079133; Trystan Matthews d/b/a Recycle Whidbey,**
 Docket No. TG-030325

Dear Judge Mace:

This is to respond to Applicant's apparent request of July 1st to continue the hearing in this matter. The protracted interval to request a continuance just before hearing in this matter was, at least indirectly, anticipated by comments at the prehearing conference on May 30, 2003, wherein I expressed concern about delays that would involve a change from *pro se* representation to an attorney. Here, however, we have no affirmative indication that an attorney has been retained, rather an indication that the Applicant has been unable to "find a lawyer to take his case."

The request for continuance also appears to fail to comply with the Commission's requirements at WAC 480-09-440(4) in that it does not indicate any contact by the requestor of the other parties, what efforts have been made to avoid continuance, etc.
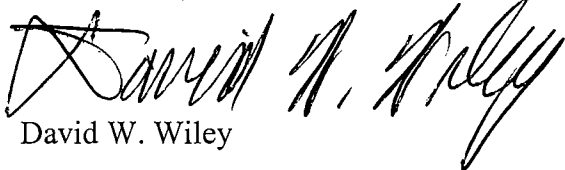
As this is the first request for a continuance, Protestant understands that some latitude may be given to the Applicant. Protestant Island Disposal would therefore request that, if any continuance is considered, the earliest possible dates for the continued hearing be selected, including July 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and August 1. One of Protestant's witnesses is not available on August 4 and 5.

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Thank you for your consideration of the above, and we trust Applicant will fully comply with any further scheduling adjustments which you should order.

Yours truly,

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