## August 15, 2008

## NOTICE RESCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE (Rescheduled to December 8, 2008)

Re: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Points Recycling and Refuse, LLC, Dockets TG-080913 and TG-080914; Whatcom County v. Points Recycling and Refuse, LLC, Docket TG-081089, (Consolidated).

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On July 24, 2008, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference in the above matters. In the notice, the Commission set a prehearing conference for Monday, August 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. On August 13, 2008, the Commission received a letter from counsel for Points Recycling and Refuse, LLC, indicating that the parties are engaged in negotiations and anticipate settling the issues in these consolidated proceedings. Counsel requests that the prehearing conference set for August 18, 2008, be rescheduled for three months from its prior date, to a date certain, to allow the parties the opportunity to negotiate a settlement. Counsel indicates that all parties agree to the continuance.

Under WAC 480-07-385(2), the Commission will grant a timely request for a continuance when all parties expressly agree to the continuance unless it is inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission's administrative needs. The Commission supports and encourages informal resolution of disputes, including settlement agreements.<sup>1</sup> Since a procedural schedule had not been established for discovery or hearing in this matter, and the parties have demonstrated good cause for the continuance, the prehearing conference should be rescheduled.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See, RCW 34.05.060; WAC 480-07-700.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the prehearing conference scheduled for August 18, 2008, is rescheduled to 10:00 a.m. December 8, 2008, in Room 206 of the Commission's offices, located at the Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW, Olympia, Washington. The Commission's bridge line (360-664-3846) is available for those parties unable to attend the conference in person.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. RUSSELL Administrative Law Judge