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## VIA EMAIL: records@wutc.wa.gov

David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attention: Records Center P.O. Box 47250 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: In re WUTC v. Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. d/b/a Mason County Garbage Docket TG-121513, Order No. 1 Compliance Filing

## Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to the above-captioned Order and specifically the condition placed in the Order for a compliance filing by today's date under Section 22 of the Order, indicated below is the description of the performance criteria conditions to be met by Mason County Garbage Company in order to be eligible for the incentive or award.

In order to recover the incentive bonus of 5% of expenditures, average recycling per household rates must increase .25 pounds per household per month in the 2012-2013 reporting period. This is a conditional and traditional performance-based criterion which requires a demonstration that the continuing education criteria and programs utilized in the county result in on-going reductions in the per household generation of solid waste. The proposed \$3,436 retention amount will only be paid if the annual reporting at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 performance period reflects an increase of .25 pounds or more recycling per household per month over that interval.

Program elements Criteria B and C of course pm the 2012-2013 Plan also indirectly and directly lend themselves as net contributors to overall recycling reduction, including continuing focus on appropriate sizing of solid waste receptacles and encouraging customers to reduce container sizes, service levels and frequency of pickups in continuing to educate Mason County customers in waste reduction/generation practices. Criteria C for glass management is another integral portion of the Mason County Solid Waste Management Plan at present since glass is not an element of the county curbside collection plan. Placing drop boxes and other containers at various conspicuous sites in the

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County to encourage removal of glass from the solid waste and curbside recycling program is critical and the revenue share program has been significant in assisting this activity.

Finally, in conjunction with radio and other media announcements to promote the results, including seasonal and other county-wide events, the revenue share program seeks to hallmark the success and prospective expansion of recycling participation rates, recycling waste stream materials and overall solid waste diminution in the county which has been the major emphasis of the revenue share program in Mason County since its inception in 2009.

Please consider this as a supplement to the filing and advise me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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**Enclosure** 

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## District 2149: Mason County Garbage Budgeted Program Costs 9/2012 - 8/2013

	Expense Description	Expense Narrative		Expense Amount	
		Projected fiscal year difference on County Blue Box			
	Mason County Blue Box	recycling contract hauls and glass hauls. Projected		1	
	Recycling Contract & Glass	recovery of materials at 517 tons for the program	ĺ		
1	Hauls	year.	\$	42,133.00	
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		Glass is hauled in Mason County boxes from Shelton	İ		
		and satellite transfer stations. They are weighed and	İ		
		dumped into roll off container and county hauls to	İ		
		recycler. We expense all hauling to revenue share at			
		\$96.40 per haul. Projected recovery of materials at	l		
1.5	Glass hauling	251 tons for the program year.	Include	ed above	
-11	30 YD Glass Box - Shelton				
2	Transfer	Provide roll off container at Shelton transfer		\$1,500.00	
			1		
		Provide container and hauling for public newspaper			
		box located at the Safeway in Shelton, hauled bi-			
3	Safeway ONP Hauls	monthly. Projected recovery of materials at 24 tons.	\$	2,314.00	
	Design work and printing	Replace current customer recycle cart decal with new			
4	costs	decals, updated with additional materials accepted.	\$	13,750.00	
	Glass Hauls from Wilson	Additional glass recycling provided by Mason County	i		
5	Recycling for Mason County	at private company. We provide hauls only	\$	1,432.00	
		In-kind service donated by MCG to various civic			
		events, and public facilities throughout the County.			
		Events include: Public Skate park, Old Timers Fair,			
	Community Event/Facility	Oysterfest, Celtic Festival, Community Club crab feed,			
6	Recycling - Donated Service	Mason Fair, and Relay for Life.	\$	1,785.00	
		Indirect and direct booth expense to MCG for			
	Mason County Business	business expo, with MCG booth to promote and			
	Expo - Recycle Promotion	increase recycling. Includes supplies, table, and			
7	Booth	staffing labor.	\$	813.00	
	Radio Station				
	Environmental Program	Recycling advertisement and radio program			
8	Sponsorship	sponsorship, for recycling efforts, of \$250 per month.		\$3,299.00	
	Recycling Program				
10	Purchases	Clear Stream containers for public events	\$	1,688.00	
	Company Incentive - 5% of	Increase recycle lbs per month per household by 1%			
11	Expenditures	year over year	\$	3,436.00	
	,	Projected program costs for 9/2012-8/2013	Ś	72,150.00	

Projected Commodity Value \$246,390.00
Commodity retention at 30% \$73,917.00
Company To Retain \$72,150.00

(1) Retention Criterion Explanation: As noted in "Interpretive and Policy Statement on RCW 81.77.185,"

(May, 2012), recycling plans may authorize an incentive payment to the Company for meeting or exceeding specified target metrics that demonstrate an increase in recycling. The referenced interpretive statement provides that this incentive may be equal to 5% of expenditures. Mason County has structured its recycling plan such that the Company is eligible for an incentive payment of 5% of expenditures, if they demonstrate it has increased the recycle pounds per month by 1% or more over the prior year. This incentive has been set forth above in the above 2012-2013 budgeted expenditures. Actual commodity prices, expenditures, and incentive amounts may vary due to the volatile nature of the commodity market. The \$3,436 projected retention is not a material amount in the context of the overall revenue share dollars and because of that, the sole metric for eligibility is proposed as the measurement of recycle tons year over year.