

TG-091685, TG-091686, and TG-091687

Points Recycling and Refuse, LLC

Public Comments

Total: 55  
In favor: 37  
Opposed: 16  
Undecided: 2

Types of Comments

Allow the company to continue its on-call services.
The state or county should contract with existing Canadian garbage and recycling service providers.
Leave the service unchanged.
Garbage service is unnecessary; consumers should be allowed to choose how they want to dispose of their waste.
Selection criteria should be consistent with government regulation and community preference.
The state and county are taking too long to review this application.
The commission should review any application with the same scrutiny investors use when a company raises capital.
Company is not committed to a sustainable recycling program.
How can the company succeed when they are already predicting that after a year, expenses will exceed revenue?
Company should answer all the charges about his previous certificate.
The county should design a solid waste plan that will work for the area residents.
The county would not have allowed any other city to go without garbage service for so long.
If this application is approved, and the company is allowed to "cherry-pick" the more desirable aspects of solid waste collection, it will severely marginalize the opportunity for this community to have the restoration of curbside pickup of solid waste and recyclables and the enhanced recycling opportunities proposed in the Freedom 2000 application.
The Freedom 2000 application before you is offering services that are consistent with the current Whatcom County Solid Waste Plan as required in the notice of opportunity posted on the WUTC website, whereas, the Points Recycle and Refuse application is not.
The applications for on-call special clean-up/pick up services and on-call and permanent drop box service while not providing commercial garbage dumpster service, residential garbage collection or residential recycling collection is not consistent with the public interest of the community of Point Roberts.
Why would the Commission consider granting an application to a company who surrendered its G certificate only four months ago and now wants to take over a portion of business that another applicant, Freedom 2000 has applied for?

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: ANDREW ZABLOCKI - ID# 23156**

Consumer Information		
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Name	ANDREW ZABLOCKI	
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Secondary Phone #		

Comment Information		
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>Please make every home and trailer in Point Roberts pay nominal fee for garbage service!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Otherwise people ,mostly visitors/trailers and cabins owners/ dump it along the roads or burn it!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>This will make it feasible to deliver curbside collection for Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse.They were serving our community well for years.</p> <p>The other applicant does not have experience or track record.We should be careful!!!</p>	
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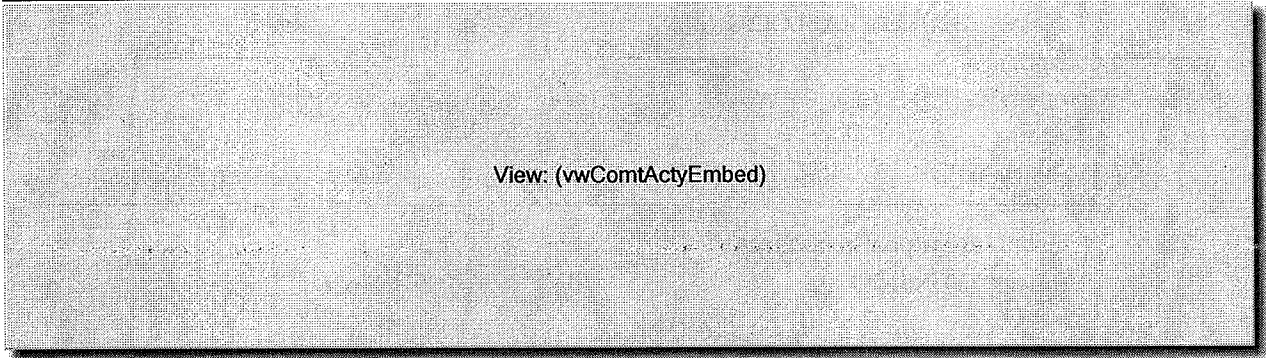
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Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

Complaint Information	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Complaint ID	

Follow-Up Information	Other Follow-Up Information

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**Activites For Andrew Zablocki**



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**COMMENT FORM FOR: JUDITH W. ROSS - ID# 23155**

Consumer Information	
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Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Dear Ms. Ingram,</p> <p>Obviously, we do not have any special technical information about how trash collection should be managed. However, we have lived in Pt. Roberts for 14 or 15 years, and since you have asked for residents' views, we offer the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Wilkowsky did yeoman's service for most of the ten years he was managing this activity in Pt. Roberts. He was a reliable and responsible resource for the community in all we ever heard and in our ordinary dealings with him and his work. Along the way, he repeatedly communicated to the community his belief that a voluntary trash/recycle pick-up program was unlikely to be economically viable in the long run. This seems plausible, but the WUTC can judge that better than the residents of Point Roberts because the WUTC appears to have that data.</li> <li>2. The recent news that Mr. Gellatly's company has been dissolved by the State for failure to submit paperwork suggests that something is seriously awry with his company. Or does the State routinely dissolve and reinstate companies over minor paperwork issues? It is hard from an outsider's perspective to know whether this is a big deal or a small deal and the fact that it was done December 1 and the WUTC was holding a hearing on December 29 and did not seem to have that information is further puzzling. In any case, Freedom 2000's problems with licensure might suggest that it is not up to the rigors of operating in Pt. Roberts.</li> </ol>

3. Most of the people we know in Point Roberts think that trash collection should be mandatory here, i.e., everyone should pay for it, as is the case everywhere else we have ever lived. This view is even held by Canadians who do not participate under the current voluntary system. In Canada (where we have a part-time resident cottage), we pay for trash pickup year round, even though we are mostly not there to participate in it. That's the way municipalities work, in our experience, and people accept it, although they might not go out and advocate for it.

4. It seems to us, after considerable attempt to understand the larger picture of this issue, that the County is the primary roadblock. If the County is unwilling to alter its view from voluntary to mandatory participation, then we think Mr. Wilkowsky's recent proposal for managing the transfer station is an acceptable, though imperfect, solution.

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**Other Follow-Up Information**

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Other Follow-Up Staff	

**Activites For Judith W. Ross**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: KATARINA HUTCHINSON - ID# 23157**

**Consumer Information**

		Contact Method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Email	<input type="radio"/> Mail	<input type="radio"/> None
Name	KATARINA HUTCHINSON				
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Primary Phone #		Fax #			
Secondary Phone #					

**Comment Information**

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler		
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
Description	<p>Dear Sir/Madame</p> <p>As a taxpayer and voter I am appalled by the lack of cooperation that Whatcom County Solid Waste has given Point Recycling and Refuse in Point Roberts.</p> <p>The curbside garbage pick up is not just a convenience but also an environmental issue. Have we considered that we should try to do the best for our environment? So why doesn't the County make everybody who own any property in Point Roberts to sign for curbside garbage collection. Right now part time residence and visitors very often dump their garbage either along the roads or Lily Point forest. I think having full time or vacation property should come with responsibility. Point Recycling and Refuse was doing great job so far so why to fix what is not broke?</p>		
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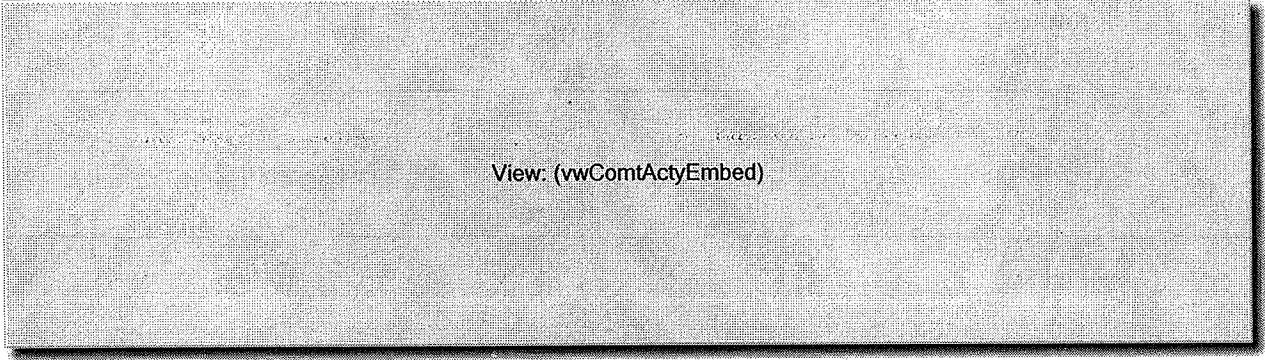
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**Activites For Katarina Hutchinson**



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**From:** MH Tan [mailto:mtan@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 3:08 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); jhutching@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Solid waste situation in Point Roberts

- 1) PR Must have curbside pick up.
- 2) PR must have a solid waste disposal TAX levied on each property. No exemptions.

Sincerely,  
M.H. Tan  
2121 Whalen Drive  
Point Roberts, WA 98281



**From:** iMichael Short [mailto:mwshort@dccnet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 4:47 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Cc:** jhutching@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Support of pont Recycling and refuse application

I am in support of the current haulers application{Points recycling} and do not feel a changing of the guard, so to speak, is necessary.

Thank you

MR. Michael Short





**From:** Gordy Nielson [mailto:wired@pointroberts.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:40 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re' Point Roberts Transfer Station

**Nielson's Point Roberts Electric Inc EST 1980**

1591 McKenzie Way,  
Point Roberts, Washington. 98281  
Ph (360) 945 5255 / Fax (360) 945 2423  
[wired@pointroberts.net](mailto:wired@pointroberts.net)

Penny Ingram, WUTC

Re' Point Roberts transfer station:

We fully support Arthur Wilkowski's, as operator of the Point Roberts Transfer Station for the following reasons.

From our personal experience, and as owner of Nielson's Electric Inc. for the past 29 years in Point Roberts, when you operate in a niche type community as Point Roberts is, your method of operation and success of the business depends on how you tailor your methods of operation. This is only achieved by actually operating and surviving the losses from a business in the community for a time, thus learning from "real life" experience, what works and what doesn't. If, at start, we ran our business re' the normal method of operation, as one would do on the mainland, we would have possibly lasted just a year or two, or until our saving were exhausted. We simple do not have the high volume of customers as there are on the mainland. We are, in fact, a small isolated community with two US borders that restrict our freedom of movement from one US community to another. Our US customs restrictions adds to the cost of retail goods, shopping, appliances, etc. as well as add extra costs via border bonds and duties. There is no place else on the Canadian/US border that this situation exists. All other Washington island communities are either served with a bridge or a ferry system – we are the **ONLY ISOLATED** community that is not.

Point Roberts has only 1,308 people, 607 households, and 373 families residing in the CDP. There were 1,820 housing units. Only 34% of the housing units are occupied by residents of Point Roberts; in the summertime the majority of people staying in Point Roberts are Canadians who use it as a cottage or holiday spot. Therefore, during the Spring, Fall and Winter months, there is practically no recycling, due to the small permanent population to warrant the commercial cost of a formal recycling process.

Arthur has, in our opinion, been operating in good faith and in a manner that makes most economic sense to the health of the garbage business, as well as the general public and local businesses. He past performance has proven that he possess the expertise and understands the pitfalls of operating a small business in an isolated area, where others have failed. Arthur has a proven track record – does anyone else have?

We urge you not to disrupt a service that is presently both functional and economically viable in this tiny US enclave of Point Roberts. In the future, when a disagreement or a problem arises, a method of arbitration must be established between Mr. Wilkowski and the County, so as to solve problems when they occur. It is unfortunate that this dispute between Arthur and the County has gone as far as it has and is totally out of proportion. It has mushroomed totally out of proportion and was the creation of just "three individuals", who, in our opinion, have nothing better to do than to disrupt a good service that the majority of us have been satisfied with for many years.

Thank you,

Kathy & Gordon Nielson (Owner's of Nielson's Electric, INC).

**From:** H K Pyles [mailto:hkpyles@dccnet.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 8:08 PM

**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)

**Cc:** publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us; jhutchin@co.whatcom.wa.us; mark.robbins@prodigy.net

**Subject:** APLICATIONS FOR G CERTIFICATE FOR POINT ROBERTS

@Point Roberts 2 XII 09

Penny Ingrahm, WUTC  
P O Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Jon Hutchings, Whatcom County Public Works  
Suite 210, 322 North Commercial Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Ms. Ingrahm & Mr. Hutchings:

You both have received considerable correspondence from me over the years on the subject of how solid waste and recyclables should be handled on Point Roberts. I will not rewrite the messages here.

I have written in favor of both of the applicants you are now considering, when there was no competition for the G certificate. On the face of it, both parties have the business and practical experience to handle the solid waste here on the Point, given the right circumstances.

On balance, I favor Point Recycling and Refuse, mainly because of that company's proven quality staff.

Thank you.

Sincerely ,

Hamilton K."Knick" Pyles  
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360 945 1540  
P O Box 2245  
Point Roberts, WA 98281



**From:** Dwayne Hunt [mailto:dhunt@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Recycling and Refuse

Penny Ingrahm and Jon Hutchins,

I am not a supporter of Arthur Wilkowski as I feel he had let down the residents of Point Roberts by cancelling roadside pickup with the excuse that the present contact was uneconomical to operate. If he had opened his books as the court ordered which he would not. I find that his argument is suspect. Notwithstanding the above I would like to suggest that the Whatcom County council withdraw the waiver which releases summer and weekenders from taking roadside collection. If this was in place it should make the operation workable to whoever got the contract and possibly may be able to lower the pickup costs to all residents.

Thank you,

Dwayne Hunt,  
1657 Edwards Drive.  
Point Roberts, WA.



**From:** Tim Trudel [mailto:trudel@pointroberts.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re: Point Roberts Transfer Station application

Dear Sir/Madam:

As full time residents of Point Roberts, WA we request that the WUTC and the Country support and approve the Point Recycling application to provide on-call special cleanup services and operate the Transfer Station in Point Roberts.

We do not mind taking our garbage and recycling to the Transfer station and the cost is less than when we paid for monthly curbside pick-up.

We request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gellatly/Calder) application. We believe that the complainants in an earlier lawsuit against Point Recycling has a conflict of interest in this matter in favor of the Freedom 2000 application. We live near an old gravel pit on Roosevelt Road in Point Roberts in which has been dumped construction debris from dump trucks. Before awarding any contract to Freedom 2000 you should be sure that the applicants for Freedom 2000 were not party to this dumping.

We finally request that the County and State consider the unique situation due to the location of Point Roberts and create a reasonable plan based on the site of our community.

Although we have not have personal or social contact with Arthur Wilkowski we have found him to be helpful, fair and supportive of our community in regards to the Transfer Station and his previous license.

Sincerely,  
Doreen and Tim Trudel  
1664 Seymour Place  
Point Roberts, WA 98281





From: Bourks-Fraser [mailto:[dsdosh@pointroberts.net](mailto:dsdosh@pointroberts.net)]  
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:41 PM  
To: Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
Subject: Point Roberts

To WUTC,  
Please consider Freedom 2000 application and let this company provide curbside pickup and recycling.  
There has been two providers before Point Recycling and Refuse and they were able to provide curbside pickup.  
Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse went into the carbage business knowong the rules, know they want to change them, Please let the other applicant move forward and serve Point Roberts.

Thank You

Dan Bourks  
Doug Bourks



**From:** Carol Fuegi [mailto:fuegi@pointroberts.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 4:49 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); jhutching@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** I Strongly support Point Recycling 's application for Point Roberts

I strongly support Arthur Wilkowski and his Point Recycling application for Point Roberts.

Carol Fuegi  
70 Meadow Lane  
P.O.Box 1938  
Point Roberts, WA 98281



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WASH. UT. & TP. COMM

DEAR  
PENNY INGRAHAM WUTC.  
AND  
JON HUTCHINS. WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

THIS NOTE IS TO REQUEST THAT  
THE W. UTC AND THE COUNTY SUPPORT  
AND APPROVE THE POINT RECYCLING APPLICATION.

I DON'T THINK THE CUSTOMER OR  
COMMUNITY IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR  
ROADSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION.

THE COUNTY SHOULD GET ON WITH IT  
AND CREATE A REASONABLE PLAN FOR  
THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU,

YOURS TRULY

BERYL & DICK CLARKE

2166 FIR ST.

POINT ROBERTS

WASHINGTON



**From:** Paul Ferry [mailto:pbferry@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 9:54 AM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Roberts Refuse

Dear Ms. Ingram and Mr. Hutchins

I have been a resident of Point Roberts for over 20 years. I have not read the applications by the organizations proposing to be the licensed company responsible for refuse management in Point Roberts. I have however, utilized the service of the present operator, have followed the give and take in the local newspaper and had discussions with other residents.

I believe the present operator has made special efforts to service the community despite the challenges of being a resort community and a border town. It has served me well.

I support Arthur Wilkowski and his proposal, since he has the experience of handling waste for the community and would know the economics of doing the very difficult job in this unique community. I trust him. I know we residents have a reputation for overplaying the "unique" nature of our community, but in this case I believe it is appropriate.

Thank you,

Paul Ferry  
1931 Ash Ave.  
PO Box 1428  
Point Roberts, WA 98281  
(604) 288-1843





December 29, 2009

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

**RE: In the Matter of the Applications of Freedom 2000 and Points Recycling and Refuse, Consolidated Dockets TG-081576 and TG 091687**

Dear Mr. Danner:

We are the three complainants in the Docket TG-081089. Shelley Damewood has lived in Point Roberts since 1976. Renee Coe since 1989. Shannon Tomsen since 2003. The initial purpose of our formal complaint is the same reason we are here today - it is about losing public services. When we lost curbside recycling in 2008 and watched how Whatcom County handled the situation, we predicted it would only be a matter of time before we lost curbside garbage pickup. Unfortunately, this May we were proven right.

The decision of whether or not the Commission grants Freedom 2000 a G-Certificate must be based on the law, staff's investigation, and fact based public comment. Outrageous, some defamatory, claims have been made in the comments posted to the WUTC's website. Yet, no one commenting in opposition to Freedom 2000's application has provided any documentation to support his or her claims. Like Mr. Wilkowski's claim that curbside recycling was economically unfeasible the Commission is supposed to accept these submissions and statements at face value. If you don't, or if you ask for proof, you will be accused of not understanding the situation, refusing to accept another point of view, and/or collusion.

As we have stated all along, we would accept anyone willing and able to provide professional, reliable curbside residential services. Mr. Wilkowski not only fails to meet these requirements, he has demonstrated that he is unfit to hold a G-Certificate.

For the majority of time he has owned his closely held private company, he has hounded and then berated Whatcom County and the WUTC for not changing laws that would help make his company more profitable. After those tactics failed, he went to the citizens of Point Roberts for support. Based on some of the comments received and posted on the WUTC website, support was given by people interested more in personality issues than anything else.

After years of trying to change the law to remove mandatory residential curbside recycling, when Mr. Wilkowski's truck broke down in 2008, he unilaterally stopped the service and made it clear it would never resume. The way in which he has handled himself these last three years, in his comments to and public notices in our local paper, in customer mailings, and submissions to the WUTC, show that he is anything but

professional. The fact that he stopped curbside recycling and garbage pickup proves he's unreliable.

Again, all of this is the result of a truck breaking down. Had he resumed curbside recycling, none of this would have happened. Instead, Mr. Wilkowski chose not to replace the truck and chose to violate the law. Whatcom County filed a formal complaint (TG-081089) with the WUTC to force Mr. Wilkowski to resume service. We filed our formal complaint against him six months after that (TG-082129, later consolidated with TG-081089).

In a July community meeting, Jay Scotti, an employee of Mr. Wilkowski, stated that Mr. Wilkowski was forced to surrender his certificate to protect his employees and family. According to Meg Olson, reporter for the local paper: "there have been public allegations that you [the Complainants] also requested drug testing results for his employees and his personal finances, and that judge ordered him to produce these." The Motion to Compel signed by Judge Friedlander on May 5, 2009, does not support these claims and that motion contains the only requests that he was obligated to respond to.

What is certain is that Mr. Wilkowski's industry provided attorney withdrew on May 7, 2009. On May 8, he was telling people in the community that he would be surrendering his license. On May 20, 2009, we made a Motion for Sanctions against Mr. Wilkowski for failure to comply with the Motion to Compel. On May 26, Judge Friedlander issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Comments on issues raised by our May 20 letter. Comments were due by May 29. Instead of having the courage of his convictions, on May 28, Mr. Wilkowski notified the WUTC that he was stopping service.

Prior to coming to Point Roberts in 1999, Mr. Wilkowski worked for Whatcom County Solid Waste and then Nooksack Valley Disposal and San Juan Sanitation Company. Clearly, he knew the laws and conditions in Point Roberts when he bought the G-Certificate from Ms. Matthews. He has not respected Whatcom County, the law, WUTC staff, or a Judge's orders. Mr. Wilkowski's actions show he is either unwilling or unable to take responsibility for his own decisions.

We have all taken different parts of the old adage to heart: When the facts are on your side, argue the facts. When the law is on your side, argue the law. And when you don't have either the law or the facts on your side, pound the table! We provided facts and laws to support our claims. Mr. Wilkowski had neither so he turned to personal attacks and pounding the table.

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Renee Coe  
1986 Cedar Park Drive  
Point Roberts, WA 98281

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Shelley Damewood  
119 Kilarney Place  
Point Roberts, WA 98281

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Shannon Tomsen  
2125 Whalen Drive  
Point Roberts, WA 98281

**COMMENT FORM FOR: VALERIE LOREEN - ID# 23126**

<b>Consumer Information</b>	
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Secondary Phone #	
	Fax #

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	Web Create Date
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>I would like to submit this letter of support for Arthur Wilkowski's past and future garbage collection service to Point Roberts residents. I have appreciated the good service Point Recycling and Refuse has provided in the past and I trust Arthur Wilkowski to continue to provide good service to Point Roberts.</p> <p>I wish that the population demographics and economics of Point Roberts were somewhat different and could provide a feasible business undertaking for a small company but this does not seem to be possible at this time.</p> <p>I am a dedicated supporter of recycling and I encourage WUTC and Whatcom County to help us (Point Roberts residents) to establish an economically feasible plan and practice of collecting recyclable materials and ensuring that they are transported to appropriate recycling facilities.</p> <p>Thank you for your help and consideration.</p>	
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<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram



From: tom fijal [mailto:tomfixx@whidbey.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 3:28 PM  
To: Ingram, Penny (UTC); pingraham@utc.wa.gov; publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Subject: POINT RECYCLING AND REFUSE COMPANY

Dear Ms. Ingrahm and Mr. Hutchins,

I would like to comment on the current review of Point Recycling and Refuse Company, as well as the process of viewing applicants to operate the waste collection and disposal systems in Point Roberts. My family and I have lived here in Point Roberts since 1995. When we first arrived and moved in to our home, there was an existing garbage service provider, and we were told by the neighbors about a specific curbside collection day for our block each week. Each week we would set our garbage at curbside on the allotted day. Sometimes it would get collected that day, sometimes the next day, sometimes not at all that week. There was no communication from the service provider at the time, and I do not recall ever seeing a bill for their services. The service was terrible; I don't understand how they ran their business - I suppose that was one of the reasons they were put out of business.

Enter Mr. Wilkowski and Point Recycling and Refuse Company. The curbside garbage collection service was timely, regular, and without fail. If there was a week or two during the year that the service days were adjusted, we were notified in writing in advance. A regular newsletter was sent out with collection calendar notifications and helpful notes on recycling and composting, as well as other community notices. Mr. Wilkowski and his staff became an integral part of the community, and helped those in need. He often lent his time or services to us and other neighbors. Before we had our own truck, he would lend us his pick-up truck when we needed to haul a load to the dump. I know of many others to whom he extended this courtesy.

Mr. Wilkowski also helps connect people to reuse and recycle goods and materials - if someone is breaking up a patio or digging a large hole, he would connect them with someone else looking for broken concrete or landfill. He might give up the opportunity to take in a load of waste in doing so, but he keeps material out of landfills and in continual use. In short he is a good man with a good heart, and seems from what I can see to be an honest and ethical businessman

I urge you to proceed with caution in opening the door to another service provider in our area. Mr. Wilkowski has served the community well; given the opportunity to continue and change in cooperation with the County, I am certain he would help you to develop a system workable and beneficial to most of the general public here.

Sincerely  
Tom Fijal  
101 Goodman Road  
Point Roberts, WA  
98281



**From:** Sheila [mailto:monty@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 9:26 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); jhutching@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Roberts Recycling

Good morning ...

As a 16 year resident of Point Roberts, I just wanted to send you a quick note of support for Arthur and Point Recycling and Refuse.

Their application should be approved. I have always had excellent, fair and great service from the company.

Thanks so much for your attention to this matter.

Best

Sheila Monty





**From:** Sheelah [mailto:sheelah@pointrobertsusa.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 3:12 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Subject:** Garbage Pick-Up Service Can-Am Point Roberts

This is on behalf of Can-Am 365 Tyee, Point Roberts.

It has been some time since we have had garbage service at Point Roberts. We are able to transport ourselves because an employee has the facility to do so.

I understand that there is a conflict between the former service operator and Freedom 2000 an operator proposing to offer service. I feel that this conflict has dragged on long enough and at the detriment of the Point.

We did not have a problem with the former service our pick-ups were timely and responsible. I know the operator of Freedom 2000 and do business with the principal David Gellarly on a daily basis. I feel that he would supply the necessary service in a responsible way.

Please, may this issue be resolved.

Sheelah Oliver  
Manager, Can-Am Point Roberts WA.  
(360) 945-2639



**From:** SCOTT JOHNSON [mailto:johnsonhedlund@q.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 9:58 AM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Recycling and Refuse

I request that the WUTC and the County support and approve the Point Recycling application.  
I request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gellatly/Calder) application.  
I request that the County do their job; as required by law; and now create a reasonable plan for this community.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Johnson

627 - Crystal Beach Road  
Point Roberts, Wa 98281  
360-945-3462



**From:** barbara

**To:** pingram@utc.gov

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 2:39 PM

**Subject:** Point Recycling and Refuse

**WUTC**

**Penny Ingrahm**

**December 3, 2009**

**As the previous person to hold the Certificate to provide solid waste service to Point Roberts, I was so pleased when Arthur Wilkowski took over the company. He had experience, enthusiam and work ethics on his side.**

**I regret what he has been confronted with - resistance from the County and a handful of locals.**

**I firmly believe 100% that if the County & State had given him the needed backing, the situation as it is now would not be.**

**As for the other applicant, I am puzzled by their financial calculations.**

**Sincerely,**

**Barbara Matthews  
360-945-1084**



**From:** Anita [mailto:ajacks@pointroberts.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 3:18 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Cc:** publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Roberts Garbage collection

Hi thank you for reading my email.

I have been a full time resident for 17 years and would like to have roadside garbage and recycling collection. I do not care who provides this service as long as it is a licensed carrier.

To make this service feasible it should be mandatory that **all property owners** pay for this service with no choice given. There has been a huge increase of garbage bags dumped on the roadways. I also know that many summer time property owners are illegally taking their household garbage to Canada.

Thank you Anita Aleksejev





# Point Recycling and Refuse

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Business Phone: (360) 945-1516

December 2, 2009

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling – Temporary Operating Authority

Dear Commission,

I have outlined serious concerns about planning and the long-term future of services in Point Roberts. I do not believe that it is appropriate for the Commission to grant a full Certificate until Whatcom County complies with the State requirements for planning and supporting the Point Roberts solid waste system.

The Commission may feel that it is premature to grant Permanent Authority to Point Recycling for on-call and special clean-up services.

Point Recycling is not opposed to revolving Temporary Authority until such time as Whatcom County provides the Commission with a viable Plan. At that time, Point Recycling would like to opportunity to apply for a full Permanent Certificate within the obligations of that Plan.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling - Response to Whatcom County

Dear Commission,

Whatcom County has stated that they want to have full garbage and recycling collection services restored to Point Roberts.

This is a completely unrealistic expectation and demand.

Whatcom County was required by State Law to provide Point Roberts with an economically feasible solid waste system design, and to review that design for effectiveness, modifying the plan if necessary. Whatcom County failed to conduct any analysis for the original plan design and refused repeated requests by Point Recycling to review and modify the plan. The Department of Ecology notified Whatcom County at least three times during the past ten years; that they had not complied with State Law regarding Point Roberts and that curbside recycling was not required or appropriate.

Whatcom County also recognized in their Plan that full Universal Service was necessary for collection programs to be affordable and to meet their goals. Whatcom County has refused to implement any part of their Universal Service Ordinance.

Whatcom County placed an unreasonable obligation on Point Recycling to provide an urban recycling collection program in a small isolated rural area. The County failed to support that mandate by refusing to enforce their solid waste laws. The collapse of the Point Roberts recycling collection program and later garbage collection was entirely the County's fault.

The expectation by the County for the Commission to grant a full certificate is still based in the County's refusal to accept and fulfill their State mandated responsibilities.

Their curbside recycling program was a failure because 83% of the households chose not to use it. The overwhelming majority of Point Roberts' residents did not want the County to pursue its complaint against Point Recycling, which resulted in the cancellation of all services. The County has never surveyed residents or conducted any analysis to support their system design.

Regulated solid waste utilities must operate within the economic parameters of the County system design and enforcement policies. It is impossible for any company to make a system work when the design is contrary to community needs and local feasibility. It is also impossible for the Commission to determine the economic ability of a company to provide sustainable services without an effective County Plan and a commitment by the County to support the company. Point Roberts has many unique challenges of isolation and small volume that can only be addressed by the County.

The granting of a full Certificate without any rational plan or support is guaranteed to be a disaster. The Commission should refuse to grant a full Certificate until the County demonstrates not only a reasonable need and design but also a commitment to actually support the system and enforce their Universal Service Ordinance. The best course for this community is for the Commission to determine that there is no fit applicant for a full Certificate. This will place the burden back upon the County to create a new plan. The County could then execute their option of contracting with an experienced Canadian garbage collection company to provide service to those customers who want it; or if contracting fails then the County should enforce their Universal Service Ordinance and seek new qualified applicants for a full Certificate based on an accurate and detailed plan. The burden of solving this problem has always rested by State Law on Whatcom County, not on the Commission.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse

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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling - Response to Point Roberts Marina Letter

Dear Commission,

I would like to clarify some misleading statements about my company made by the Point Roberts Marina. When the Marina pulled out of the system, they sent me a letter that very clearly stated they had no complaints about the service provided by Point Recycling. Their decision was in response to the chronic and excessive dumping of garbage by households into their containers. This problem was caused by Whatcom County's refusal to enforce their existing Universal Service Ordinance.

Point Recycling always operated within our tariff and service requirements when providing service to the Marina. We did not overcharge them and often provided as needed on-call pickups at no additional cost.

The Marina used to self-haul their recycling to the Point Roberts Transfer Station. When they pulled out of the system, they started hauling recyclables with their garbage loads to RDS where free recycling was offered. When Point Recycling offered free self-haul recycling to this community, the Marina was happy to bring their recycling to the Point Roberts Station. When Point Recycling started charging for recycling, the Marina continues to bring in their cardboard to the station while hauling other recyclables to RDS. The Marina had no problem using a free service from Point Recycling while contributing no garbage to the system.

Several months after pulling out of the system, the Marina owner called me and asked for a meeting outside of Point Roberts. I met with him in a coffee shop in Canada. The owner declared to me that, he would bring his garbage back into the system if I would give him a discount rate on his garbage. I explained that, as a regulated utility, it was illegal for me to provide him with the discount he demanded. We discussed how the best way to reduce his cost for garbage service would be for the County to enforce Universal Service. This would benefit him by reducing the illegal dumping on him and by lowering the regulated rates due to more households contributing to the system. I assured him, that Point Recycling was obligated to provide service to him if requested. If they ever had a problem, then we would help at the same rates and services provided to any other customer. In fact, just last Tuesday, the Marina called the Station needing to dump their garbage truck and bring in a large volume of recyclables. We are normally closed on that day, but we opened up and provided them with service.

The Point Roberts Marina has stayed outside of the local system not because of unsatisfactory service from Point Recycling, but because I would not provide them with special rates. I believe that the Marina has commented on Point Recycling because someone else has promised them the special discount services that they have been denied by Point Recycling.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling - Response to Coe, Tomsen, and Damewood

Dear Commission,

In their comments to the Commission, the Three Complainants; Renee Coe, Shelley Damewood and Shannon Tomsen have again demonstrated their coordinated and committed representation of the interests of Freedom 2000.

Members of the Three Complainants have participated in the following activities:

1. Actively participated in private meetings between County officials and Freedom 2000.
2. Simultaneously with Ron Calder of Freedom 2000; filed harassing complaints with the State Bar against Point Recycling Attorney Jim Sells falsely accusing him of misconduct for papers he filed with the Commission at the request and review of Whatcom County Attorney Dan Gibson.
3. Privately negotiated with Whatcom County for conditions included in the Point Recycling Transfer Station Lease including a termination clause so that if their complaint succeeded; the County could turn the Transfer Station over to Freedom 2000.
4. Aggressively defended Freedom 2000 whenever anyone commented against them.
5. Harassed through e-mail and phone calls, any Point Roberts citizens who commented against Freedom 2000 or in favor of Point Recycling.
6. Harassed and intimidated County, Ecology and Commission staff for questioning or delaying the Freedom 2000 application.
7. Coordinated their e-mails and communications with David Gellatly of Freedom 2000.
8. Submitted false and inaccurate information about Point Recycling to the Whatcom County Council and Solid Waste Advisory Committee which e-mails demonstrate was originally from David Gallatly.
9. Participated in Alternative Dispute Resolution between Point Recycling and Whatcom County where they demanded that Freedom 2000's application be approved. Withdrew from the settlement when realizing the Freedom 2000 would not be approved without additional investigation.
10. Consistently advocated against any rational planning for Point Roberts but only for the interests of Freedom 2000 and their goal to taking over the Point Roberts Transfer Station.

Point Recycling requests that the Commission make an official determination that Renee Coe, Shelley Damewood and Shannon Tomsen are representatives and agents of Freedom 2000.

The Three have all asked that their Complaint against Point Recycling be reinstated. Their numerous unsubstantiated accusations in the Complaint give the impression that Point Recycling is in extensive violation of Commission rules. The only violation by Point Recycling was the failure to provide curbside recycling; and Point Recycling filed the appropriate paperwork to correct our tariff. Commission staff has not notified Point Recycling of any other unresolved violations. Commission Staff have denied Point Recycling our right to administrative action and correction of any unproven violations or complaints.

Point Recycling requests that Commission Staff review the allegations in the Complaint and provide us with notice of violation of Commission rules, if any exist. Furthermore, we request our right to administrative corrective action to any violations.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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December 2, 2009

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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling – Point Roberts Transfer Station Lease

Dear Commission,

Freedom 2000 repeated stated that the purpose of their application was to take control of the Point Roberts Transfer Station. The station is a key part of their proposal and business plan.

Whatcom County has promised the station to Freedom 2000 but it is unlikely they can swiftly deliver it.

There are significant legal issues regarding the closed door negotiations between the County and representatives of Freedom 2000. By promising the Station to Freedom 2000 if they or their agents the Three Complainants could destroy Point Recycling, the County created a deliberate and sustained attack on our property right. The County simultaneously denied Point Recycling any reasonable recourse to the County's complaint. The negotiation of lease terms and conditions by the County with Freedom 2000 is a clear violation of State Law.

Whatcom County and Point Recycling have unresolved issues concerning the County's deliberate destruction of our G-Certificate.

Point Recycling has a valid lease in force for the Transfer Station. We also own all the operating infrastructure of the station. We are not inclined to give up our lease or to transfer ownership of our assets until all issues with Whatcom County are resolved. I believe that if necessary, given the history of solid waste issues, that resolution of all issues could take several years.

The Commission, when evaluating the Freedom 2000 application, must do so in the context of Freedom not achieving operational control of the Point Roberts Transfer Station.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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December 2, 2009

Diana Wadley  
Regional Solid Waste Planner and Grant Officer  
Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 160th Ave SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

RE: WUTC Docket TG-081576 – Freedom 2000

Dear Ms. Wadley,

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission will be hearing an application by Freedom 2000 to provide garbage and recycling collection services in Point Roberts.

This application is being made by David Gellatly and Ron Calder of Point Roberts.

The Department of Ecology has previously investigated these individuals operating as Light Weight Recyclers or R&D Tidy Bin. Compliance orders were issued. Mr. Gellatly and Mr. Calder are still operating a drop-box company hauling garbage to Urban Wood Waste Recyclers in Richmond, Canada. Whatcom County and the Department of Ecology have already determined that this site is a transfer station for garbage and not a legitimate recycling facility.

Mr. Gellatly has confirmed with the WUTC that he owns the equipment which they are currently operating but he maintains it as a Canadian company.

This company has operated under the names: Light Weight Recyclers, R&D Tidy Bin, Freedom 2000, and Cando Recycling.

Can you verify for the Commission that Mr. Gellatly and Mr. Calder's company, operating under what name, is fully registered with the Department of Ecology. Furthermore, can you verify that all materials hauled are recyclables as determined by Ecology and Whatcom County.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse

CC: WUTC



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December 2, 2009

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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling – Freedom 2000 use of recycling containers

Dear Commission,

As the previous curbside recycling company, Point Recycling provided our customers with Whatcom County approved recycling containers. As determined in our Tariff, these containers are the property of Point Recycling with a replacement value of \$20.00.

We have allowed our former recycling customers to retain our bins for their convenience to self-haul recyclables. We have not abandoned those bins and still consider them our property on loan to households.

Freedom 2000 has stated in their application that they do not need to provide recycling containers because customers already have them. This is not true. Point Recycling considers any use of our containers by another business to be theft of our property. Freedom 2000 will be required to provide all customers with Whatcom County approved recycling containers. If they do not do so, then Point Recycling will require immediate payment of \$20.00 per bin prior to Freedom 2000 using our containers.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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December 2, 2009

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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling – Comments on Freedom 2000 Affiliated Companies

Dear Commission,

The Commission is faced with deciding between Point Recycling and Freedom 2000 for providing services in Point Roberts.

Commission Staff have previously investigated the Freedom 2000 companies and found serious violations of permits, licenses and registrations.

The sham recycler Light Weight Recycling did not actually exist. Then it was R&D Tidy Bin owned by someone else but managed by David Gellatly and Ron Calder who refused to provide ownership details. Now they acknowledge that they have purchased the equipment but maintain it as a Canadian company.

The gravel hauler J-Man Trucking is maintained as a Canadian company.

Both of the owners, David Gellatly and Ron Calder are full time U.S. residents in Point Roberts. They employ local U.S. residents to drive their trucks. All the trucks and equipment are based in Point Roberts. Both of these companies have no actual customers in Canada. They are U.S. and Washington State companies in every way except that they purchased trucks in Canada and refused to import and pay proper taxes and licenses.

Freedom 2000 has had an application before the Commission for over a year. They should expect that the Commission would consider their other businesses when evaluating fitness. Still after all this time Light Weight Recyclers and J-Man Trucking continue operating Canadian licensed trucks.

If the Commission is even considering approving Freedom 2000 then it should be referred to Evidentiary Hearing so that Commission Staff can verify all the past business license, permit, payroll and tax records for J-Man Trucking and Light Weight Recyclers. These are U.S. companies, why are they hiding in Canada? Why are they making so much effort to not be fully licensed and permitted in Washington State? If Freedom 2000 is unwilling to comply with U.S. and Washington State business laws, then how can the Commission expect to effectively regulate their G-Certificate?

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse





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Dear Mr. Ingram,

I request the WUTC and Whatcom County Public Works approve and support the Point Recycling and Refuse application.

Arthur Wilkowski and his staff provide services to the public in a professional and efficient manner. Arthur, himself, has a smile on his face and kindness in his heart. He listens to individual refuse problems and tries to present creative solutions. The jungle of bureaucratic rules and regulations severely limit his ability to help. The WUTC and Whatcom County Public Works need to support Arthur and give him the latitude to provide reasonably priced special pick-up services, especially for seniors and the disabled.

I have been a permanent resident of Point Roberts for twenty years. Before Point Recycling and Refuse existed we were plagued by various garbage companies whose service can be compared to a psychotic rollercoaster ride. They would not come down side streets; they employed young thugs (THUGS) who destroyed trash cans and threw cans on other properties; personal property theft increased dramatically.

Please do not introduce this element again  
Have you done background checks on other  
applicants?

Thank you for your time. Please  
remember the challenges created by our  
unique geographical position.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Bogdanski  
Registered Voter

**From:** Wadley, Diana (ECY)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 11:54 AM  
**To:** Eckhardt, Gene (UTC)  
**Cc:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); Christiansen, Peter (ECY)  
**Subject:** FW: Point Roberts garbage and recycling

Hi Gene,

I heard that Penny is out of the office for a while, so I'm forwarding the below e-mail on to you.

Thank you,

*Diana Wadley*

Regional Planner and Coordinated Prevention Grant Officer  
WA State Dept. of Ecology, Waste 2 Resources Program  
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**From:** Chris Patterson [mailto:Chris.Patterson@DCCnet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); Jon Hutchings  
**Cc:** PKremen@co.whatcom.wa.us; UTC DL Consumer; Christiansen, Peter (ECY); Wadley, Diana (ECY); Welhasch, Taisa (ECY); Colgan, Vicki (ECY); Williams, Steven (ECY)  
**Subject:** Point Roberts garbage and recycling

To those concerned (we wish there were more of you):

As a Pt Roberts resident, homeowner, WA state and Whatcom county citizen and taxpayer, I respectfully request you to consider my opinion regarding the applications for garbage and recycling services and the long-term survival of these services.

First: It is abhorrent that the state and county acts with such sluggish intent to provide or facilitate these basic services. Door-to-door garbage collection has been a basic community service of non third-world countries dating back to the 1800's. Keeping our town clean should be one of your concerns as it is ours.

Second: The current applicants, Freedom 2000, have a mixed history in business. An ambiguous business plan without specifics and details (vehicles for instance) is all they have to offer. I suggest you review any application with the type of scrutiny that investors would use when a company raises capital. The last thing we need is a failure in this system within a short period of time.

Third: I suggest you allow PR&R to continue, with certification, their on-call services. This

would be one part of a new design for services for Pt Roberts. The transfer station is and can be efficiently run by them.

Fourth: To provide regular curbside services, I propose that you also overhaul the system by contracting with existing Canadian garbage and recycling providers. A large company with a fleet of vehicles and economies of scale is required to give the residents uninterrupted low-cost service, which we deserve. Monthly, or bi-weekly requirements of all households may also be needed, but could be structured for our community -- for instance, 1/2 year service minimum.

And last, a comment: A discontinuance of service for the duration we have experienced would NEVER be allowed in any other city or town in Whatcom county. The tax revenue from our small locale certainly offsets the cost of effort by you to put in place a novel plan to rectify this problem. Think outside the box - then flatten and recycle it.

Regards,  
Chris Patterson  
1603 Edwards Dr.

**From:** Shelley Damewood [mailto:cshelld@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** UTC DL Records Center  
**Subject:** TG-091687, Points Recycle and Refuse

**RE: TG-91687, Points Recycle and Refuse**

Commissioners:

I originally filed a comment in response to the applications (TG-091685, TG-091686) by Points Recycle and Refuse for both an expedited and temporary certificate to provide limited service in the community of Point Roberts. These applications have subsequently been denied. However, I feel my previous argument placed before you in those matters are applicable to the current application. Specifically those pertaining to Mr. Wilkowski's consistent disregard for his contractual agreement with Whatcom County, WUTC requirements for operating authority under a G-Certificate, i.e., timely submission of reports, (no report at all for 2008), disregard for rulings by an administrative law judge in the matter of the complaint against his company under his previous G-Certificate 0155, and arbitrarily denying the level of service to his customers in Point Roberts—curbside recycling—as mandated by the Whatcom County Solid Waste Plan.

In my view, if this application is approved, and Mr. Wilkowski is allowed to “cherry-pick” the more desirable aspects of solid waste collection, it will severely marginalize the opportunity for this community to have the restoration of curbside pick up of solid waste and recyclables and the enhanced recycling opportunities proposed in the Freedom 2000 application.

Furthermore, for TG-91687 to be heard by the commission, tied to the Freedom 2000 application is interesting to me. The Freedom 2000 application before you is offering services that are consistent with the current Whatcom County Solid Waste Plan as required in the notice of opportunity posted on the WUTC website, whereas, the Points Recycle and Refuse application is not. I am assuming anyone may apply for a G-Certificate, but the notice of opportunity defined qualified applicants as those able to meet the requirements of the Whatcom County plan. Clearly, Points Recycling is not offering the level of service required.

According to the most recent Points Recycle and Refuse communication to potential clients “a full stand-alone garbage collection service is no longer feasible. There are just not enough customers, and many people would prefer to self-haul their garbage and recycling because it is more convenient and cheaper for them.” I do not know who those people are, but it is definitely neither cheap nor convenient for me to self-haul and I would offer that Points Recycle and Refuse is the true beneficiary of the present system—it is certainly more convenient and cheaper for Arthur to manage the long lines of traffic at the transfer station than to provide the full service previously required.

If Points Recycle is granted authority by the WUTC in this matter, it will only be a matter of time before his customers will again be disenfranchised by his relentless squabbles with Whatcom County and the WUTC. Arthur is unwilling and, apparently unable, to work within the present system. He created the present situation in Point Roberts and he gave up his G-Certificate—it is time to move on.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Shelley Damewood  
119 Kilarney Place  
Point Roberts, WA 98281  
360-945-6966



WUTC

Penny Ingrahm

PO Box 47250

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Re: Arthur Wilkowski's Letter

Dear Ms Ingrahm

There are enough customers that want household pick-up. Some are incapable of self-haul. Just because Arthur can't make it work doesn't mean another business person couldn't. He is hardly the one to tell anyone else how to run a business. If he had put a little maintenance into his equipment it would not have failed. Here we are again with Arthur setting the rules regardless of federal state and county laws. Enough is enough. Just say No to Mr Wilkowski. He is a quitter and not a leader. This community deserves better.

Maurice Kurwin  
1728 Edwards Drive #23  
Point Roberts  
Wa. 98281





**From:** Erika [mailto:erika@pointroberts.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 11:20 AM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Recycling and Refuse

Regarding dispute that has been going on with the Point Recycling and Refuse Company for a few years now

I am a small business in Point Roberts that relies greatly on the services that Arthur Wilkoski provides here.

In no means have I ever been put out due to his services no longer being feasible. At all times he has made considerable efforts to make sure that we are taken care of. I live and work here full time and with using a little common sense and logic, can understand why it is difficult to run full roadside garbage and recycling collection with the small amount of customers signing up for such services.

I understand that there is a requirement for the County to insure that we have feasible services within our community and I certainly hope that this is something that is being worked on.

I would like to support the Point Recycling and Refuse' application for continuing special cleanup services and running a transfer station, as I am very happy with the services and would like it to continue.

Regards  
Erika Lofquist  
Point Roberts Lawn Care  
360-945-5296



November 29, 2009

1597 Harbor Seal Drive  
Point Roberts, WA 98281

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WUTC  
Penny Ingrahm  
P. O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear: Penny Ingrahm:

We have lived in Point Roberts since March 1996. Point Roberts has grown quite dramatically since then. The community has 2200 water connections and some approximately 2000 residences. We have approximately 3600 people distributed over an area of 4.5 square miles. This population density is that of a small city. In fact Point Roberts should be a city. Cities have mandatory curbside garbage collection and recycling. Over the years and currently we have instances of garbage dumping on the roadsides and on vacant properties. This dumping of garbage is becoming a health issue.

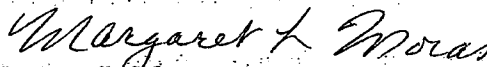
Whatcom County could help resolve the garbage problem by simply requiring all residential properties being serviced by the Point Roberts Water District to participate in the curbside collection service. Those having water service to unimproved properties would be granted an exemption. The present garbage waiver program is not enforced by the County and it is being misused and abused. It must be eliminated. In addition this would provide whoever the Garbage Company turns out to be a decent customer base upon which a business could be run. In that regard, we agree with Point Recycling and Refuse. Whatcom County must step up to the plate and stop treating Point Roberts as if it is rural farmland or a Canadian cottage community. It is neither.

We have no preference in who should be the Pont Roberts garbage hauler and refuse station operator. That is your job in the WUTC to make the judgment on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,



Bruno A. Morás



Margaret L. Morás



Ms. Penny Ingrahm  
WUTC  
P. O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504

November, 30, 2009

Re: Points Recycle and Refuse application to the WUTC, TG-091687

Dear Ms. Ingrahm

As an elderly resident of Point Roberts who has conscientiously separated recyclables from trash and put them out for curbside collection, I must respond the attached mailing I have received from Arthur Wilkowski in which he states that the collection of recyclable materials is no longer feasible due to the policies and actions of Whatcom County.

If this is true, surely it would suggest a backward step in preserving the environment and the planet. This is especially true if there is a willing applicant for the job, to wit, Freedom 2000.

Therefore, I hereby exhort Whatcom County to rethink their retrograde policy applied, I gather, uniquely to Point Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon E. Dower  
2266 Sunrise Drive  
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Dear Penny Ingrahm

In response to Arthur Wilkowski's request for support. I would like the UTC to have him answer all charges against him on his previous certificate before the commission considers any new applications.

What would lead anybody to think he is any different than the self serving pompous ass that he has always been. This is just a backdoor approach to keeping the community hostage to his own personal agenda.

Craig Carter

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# Point Recycling and Refuse

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December 2, 2009

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
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RE: Docket TG-091687 Point Recycling – Comments on Demand for Services

Dear Commission,

There is a great deal of misinformation about the need and demand for services in Point Roberts. As the service provider for the past 10 years I would like to share my opinions with the Commission.

Point Roberts is a very small community. The land area is only two miles by two miles across. The Transfer Station is located in the very center so at most any household or business is only just over one mile from the Station. Point Roberts has always been a self-haul dominated community driven primarily by cost and the infrequent household occupancy of a cabin/second home community. There is no significant barrier of time or distance to self-hauling.

1. Residential garbage service: Point Roberts has over 2000 residential units. Historically only about 340 or 17% used roadside garbage and recycling collection. An additional 200 or 10% used infrequent garbage only service. Less than one third of all households used any collection service. A large percentage of those households were only one can per month or less. The cost of curbside recycling as part of garbage service was a significant deterrent for households to be on garbage service. If Point Recycling or any other company tried to restart roadside collection then a large percentage of households, perhaps 30%-50% would continue to self-haul. The percentage of previous customers who continue to self-haul will be larger if the mandatory roadside recycling requirement is maintained. People have been self-hauling recycling at a very low cost for almost two years so many will continue rather than pay more for curbside collection.
2. Residential recycling collection: Point Recycling provided residential recycling collection at less than cost. With 340 customers paying \$5.21 per month the program averaged \$21,000 per year. The next larger company regulated by the WUTC has about 2,000 customers paying \$8.00 per month for \$192,000 per year in revenue. This is a huge difference in scale. Whatcom County has never recognized the economics of the required mandatory recycling. The Department of Ecology has repeatedly told the County that curbside recycling was the wrong program design. The WUTC has never conducted the required cost assessment on the County plan. The cost for curbside recycling will escalate and as it does, customers will cancel recycling and garbage service and self-haul instead. The County has a choice to either; enforce Universal Service and require all households to pay for recycling at a rate about three times higher than the rest of the County, or to remove the recycling requirement and have a self-haul based system. The Commission should recognize that the majority of Point Recycling customers supported removing the curbside recycling program. If those customers prefer to self-haul

recycling for less cost, then how many will sign up for more expensive garbage collection with mandatory recycling? The fundamental question facing any new curbside recycling provider is; how many households will sign up for service? Nobody has the answer to that question. It certainly will be far less than were previously on service. Can the Commission grant authority for a service with an unknown need, no basis for determining cost and no structural support from the County?

3. Commercial garbage collection: Point Recycling had only 35 commercial dumpster accounts. Most of those customers were only 1.5 yards every-other-week. Those small commercial customers save money by self-hauling and a portion of them will continue to do so. The larger commercial customers save several hundred dollars per month and have significant economic incentive to continue self-hauling. The Commission should have some understanding of the very small commercial garbage volume in Point Roberts. This volume has been consistently declining as more businesses close each year. Some of the commercial businesses want the convenience of garbage collection but they also want it affordable. In a marginalized economy like Point Roberts, the commercial customers' idea of affordable are rates lower than commercial rates in the big cities. Since the County refuses to implement Universal Service, the majority of company overhead costs fall onto the commercial customers. They are already at their bearing capacity and since they have been self-hauling for six months, there is the strong likelihood that with any rate increase, a large percentage will switch to self-hauling.
4. Commercial recycling: Freedom 2000 and their agents have perpetuated the myth that there is some huge un-met need for commercial recycling collection. That there are huge profits to be made that can subsidize the residential recycling collection. The Commission is well aware that the markets for collected recyclables are extremely low and will continue to be so for long time. The commercial recycling base is very small since this is a town of gas stations and package/parcel shops. The dominant recyclable is cardboard, high volume and low value. Businesses desire recycling to be less expensive than garbage; for their total bill to decrease due to their recycling effort. That is very difficult for small businesses to achieve; especially when the collection costs for commercial recyclables is more expense than garbage due to smaller volumes. Commercial recycling works in the big cities because of the large number of densely packed customers usually with larger volumes of recyclables. This does not apply to Point Roberts. The interesting thing is that since the cancellation of garbage collection, many commercial customers are recycling more. Their time to self-haul recycling and garbage is the same but they save money by recycling. If garbage collection is restarted then most of these commercial customers will continue their established practice of self-hauling recyclables.

Is there a real urgent crises in Point Roberts? Sadly, there is not. Garbage is not piling up in the streets and people are not buried under their waste. Everything has been going along fine for 6 months. Some people find self-hauling convenient and some do not but everyone is surviving. This has always been a majority self-haul community. People here should have the option of garbage collection but it is not an absolute necessity. There is a certain level of participation necessary to make any collection system feasible. With the established community self-haul patterns, the only way for collection to work is to implement structural barriers to encourage maximum participation. The economic viability of the system rests in the hands of the County to create and implement.

Over the years, I have proposed many industry standard structural design changes to Whatcom County.

1. Universal Service in order to shift the overhead costs onto a larger group, to reduce the burden on the small commercial customer base, and to reduce the illegal use of commercial dumpsters.
2. Differential rates for self-haulers and the garbage company at the transfer station to encourage people to sign up for collection service.
3. Higher minimal charges at the transfer station to decrease self-haulers and encourage people to be on garbage service.
4. A self-haul based recycling program to reduce overall customer bill and reduce company overhead costs.
5. Even minimal enforcement of anti-litter, anti-burning, and anti-dumping laws.

My goal for ten years was to get the right professional system design for this community. The County absolutely refused to participate and support that process. I have repeatedly provided the County and the Commission with analysis of this system's needs and challenges. You may question my accuracy however you cannot question that analysis is desperately needed. The future of the Point Roberts system is going forward absolutely blind. The lack of analysis and system design is in direct conflict with the State mandate for economically and reasonably designed regulated solid waste systems.

Any new full Certificate holder will face several significant problems.

1. Far fewer initial customers than Point Recycling historically had on service.
2. A long period of building the customer base.
3. An established preference in the community to self-haul.
4. The potential of never achieving historical customer volumes.
5. A County system design that has repeatedly proved to be impossible for any company to implement.
6. A County policy of no support and no rational system design.
7. The denial by the County of the ability to control the economic parameters of the system.

There are no applicants for a full Certificate who have any experience or understanding of this system. The Commission cannot accept the unsupported statement that they can actually operate and maintain the system without failure or drastically escalating rates.

The Commission should inform the County to conduct the required planning for the Point Roberts Community. When the County has a viable plan, then the Commission can determine if there are any qualified applicants to provide the service.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wilkowski  
Point Recycling and Refuse



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Ms. Penny Ingrahm  
WUTC  
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr., SW  
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WASH. UT. & TP. COMM

Dear Ms. Ingrahm,

I support Arthur Wilkowski in his bid to obtain an on-call special services cleanup certificate for Point Recycling and Refuse Company in Point Roberts, WA.

Point Recycling has provided a very high level of service to my community for many years. It is not the fault of Point Recycling that curbside pickup has been suspended. In Point Roberts many of our homeowners are from Canada and are here mostly in the summer and then only on weekends. With this situation it is very difficult to financially sustain curbside service.

All homeowners in Point Roberts should pay an annual property tax for curbside refuse collection. This is the only way Point Recycling can continue this service.

I request that the WUTC approve the Point Recycling application for on-call special clean up service and then formulate a plan for curbside pickup.

I request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 application. I feel they are unqualified, inexperienced and will eventually fail.

I request that Whatcom County and the WUTC show some responsibility and create a reasonable plan for Point Roberts. The Point is a very unique community in this state and requires that Whatcom County and the WUTC **do their jobs**, work with Point Recycling, and formulate a plan for refuse pickup.

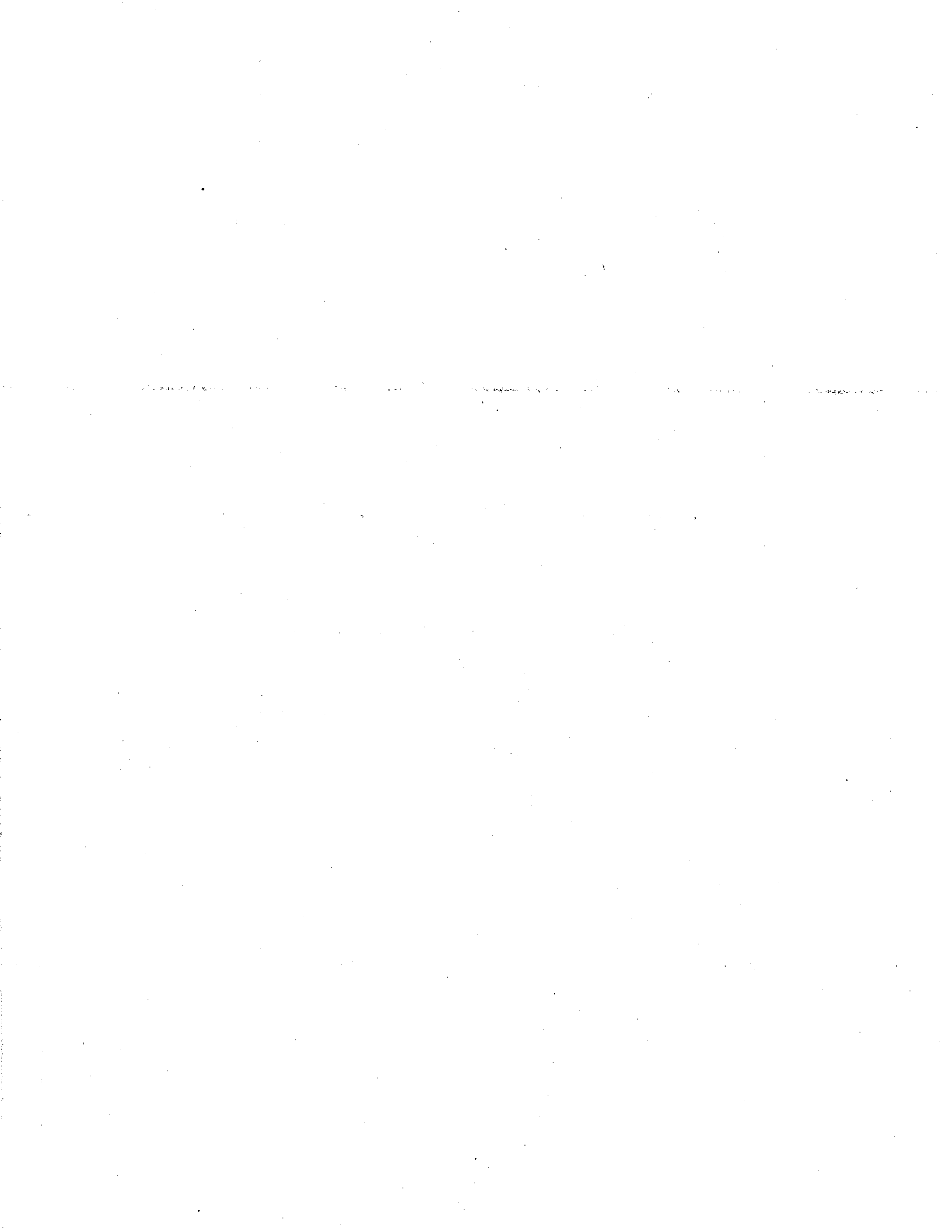
Sincerely,



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**From:** suzanne rosser [mailto:s.rosser@inter-the-gateway.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 28, 2009 4:40 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); Jon Hutchins  
**Cc:** Suzanne Rosser; Steven Wolff  
**Subject:** comments on: Point Recycling & Refuse Co Notice of Opportunity to Comment

We are in agreement with Arthur Wilkowski, (proprietor of Point Recycling & Refuse Co) that the county must create a workable garbage/recycling system that suites the unique needs of the Point Roberts community.

Everyone can agree that we will continue to have the same problems regardless of who 's application is approved.

The State & County must step up to it's legal responsibilities and work with Arthur and our community to create a feasible Garbage/Recycling Plan/System.

As members of this community, who would prefer a more sustainable/ecological approach to a new system, we believe that Arthur's background knowledge makes him a valuable selection for approval.

At Steve Wolff's suggestion and Barbara Brenner and Carl Weimer's agreement, the county council could pass a regulation that mandates garbage pickup in Point Roberts. Practically speaking that could mean a mandatory minimum \$10 per month per house but said fee would be credited at station to a complying self hauler per dumping at 13 cents per lb.

There would be no legal penalties for lack of payment only cancelation of garbage pickup and a higher fee per pound at point of entry for non complying self haulers.

As former Secretary to the Point Roberts Taxpayers Board I worked with our board to determine what course we could take in this matter. We asked Whatcom County for guidance to put us on a feasible path to creating a winnable solution. They consistently told us what could not be done and that the Byzantine State & County regulatory system basically was paralyzed into inaction and lack of imagination.

Because of the unilateral, illogical and relentless harassment by 3 women in Point Roberts; our community has been degraded to this point and lowered my property's value.

So here we sit still reviewing applications for a non-business model that will fail yet again without a custom plan for our unique community.

Yours in Good Faith, Common Sense and the Will for an Up-graded Sustainable Solution,

Suzanne M Rosser & Steven B Wolff, property owners and members in good standing of:  
Point Roberts Taxpayers Association,  
Point Roberts Conservation Society,  
Point Roberts Sustainability Group





**From:** SuzAnne Kinsey [mailto:kinseyreports@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2009 3:50 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Cc:** publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Re: Letter from Arthur Wilkowski

I must say, I think Arthur Wilkowski has gone mad.

First, he refuses to give us service and stops picking up our recycling and then, secondly, stops picking up our garbage - and the latter with little notice and complete disregard for the citizens of this community.

Now he wants to tell us what would be the best course for us to take?

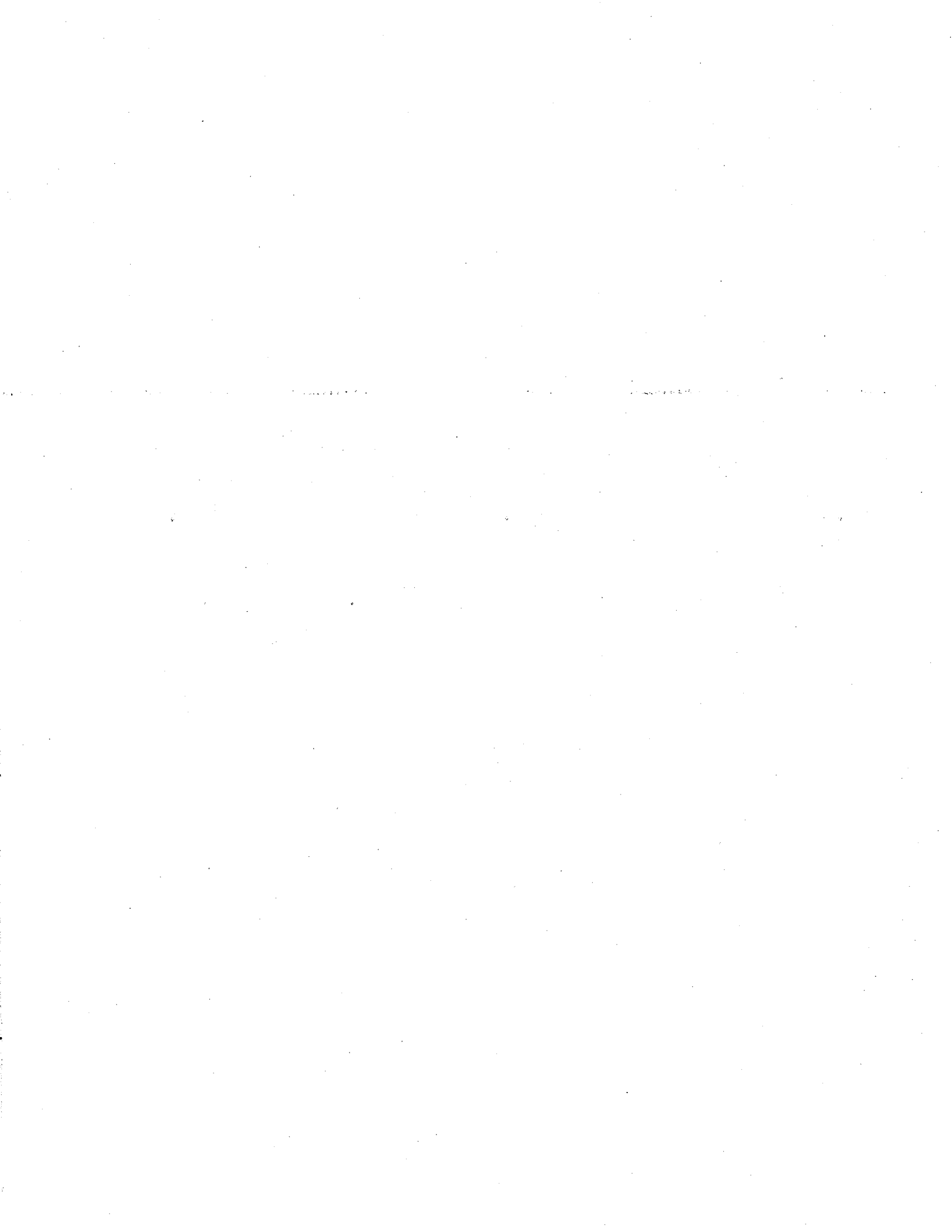
As far as I am concerned he is not a professional.

He has no judgment skills.

He has no loyalty to this community.

And I demand that you folks at the WUTC deny any application he has for any type of service. It is absolutely ludicrous that he would apply to provide only part of a service and then send out a letter to the very people he has betrayed asking for support!

SuzAnne Kinsey  
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**From:** Paul Gott [mailto:ottergott@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); bbremmer@co.whatcom.wa.us; publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Roberts waste management

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Ms. Ingrahm, Mr. Hutchins and other interested persons,

Point Roberts is faced with an untenable challenge; our garbage and recycling efforts have failed. Without them it is increasingly expensive and difficult to comply with health mandates and remain ecologically responsible.

Current operator Point Recycling and Refuse, makes unsubstantiated claims and purports to determine what is best for the current situation. They may be correct but we have no process to evaluate their allegations. Local media has joined the fray and a few local activists have interjected themselves into the situation as well. The truth is quite simple. We need to redesign the system, or deduce a service purveyor who can effectively accomplish the work. Either way, the government authorities hold the keys to success. However, since you have so far been unable to satisfactorily handle this situation, we respectfully demand inclusion in the decision process. Rest assured, a decision needs to be made forthwith.

Sensible problem solving skills teach us to determine what the problem is then decide whether we are allowing or causing it. We suggest the following criteria;

1. We need and desire curbside garbage pickup. Current operators have abandoned the service.
  - A. Appropriate frequency of service needs to be determined
2. We need and desire curbside recycling pickup service. Current operators have abandoned the service.
  - A. Appropriate frequency of service needs to be determined
3. It needs to be determined what the real costs of such program/s should be.
4. We need to institute services for all residences whether full or part time. We have never resided in an area where garbage collection was optional.
5. We need to create service provider selection criteria consistent with government regulation, community preferences and institute it with judiciousness.
6. We need to monitor the implementation process to ensure fairness.
7. We need to do this now.

Point Roberts is a predominantly retirement and vacation home area. The preponderance of our residents are senior citizens who have difficulty loading and unloading refuse and recyclables. Additionally, most do not own vehicles capable of safely hauling these same materials resulting in additional roadside litter (spilled). Finally, common sense dictates adherence to appropriate ecological practices including not wasting fuel. It serves neither our environment, our economic conditions or our national security interests.

The current process authorities are engaged is failing to solve the immediate problem or serve the long term interests of the community. We need a sensible solution catering to the individual needs of our community that complies with governmental regulations and neighborhood preferences.

Thank you for your considerations,

Paul C. Gott  
Jessica A. McVey  
Point Roberts, WA

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 1:00 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC); publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** Point Recycling "Notice of Opportunity to Comment"

Attn:

Penny Ingram (WUTC)  
Jon Hutchins (Whatcom County Public Works)

I am writing this email in response to the "Notice of Opportunity to Comment sent out by Point Recycling and Refuse received by on Nov 25, 2009.

First, as a long time resident of Point Roberts, I have been a supporter of Arthur Wilkowski and his company Point Recycling and Refuse for a long time.

In the past months however, it has become increasingly clear to myself and many other residents of **Point Roberts that Point Roberts Recycling is NOT the company that should be providing garbage collection (and recycling) for Point Roberts.**

Arthur's deliberate and constant twisting of the truth and distortion of the facts and figures, have served only to delay any positive progress towards a viable solution for the Point Roberts garbage and recycling problems. His constant delay tactics and "behind the scenes campaigning", have only confused the real issues, and it is now clear to me that, Arthur's actions are not in order to better serve the community, but only to further his own ends. Whether he is motivated by greed, animosity, or just plain stubbornness I can't say, but I can no longer support him and his company in his efforts.

I strongly urge you NOT to move forward with his application in any form, and although I am not sure that Freedom 2000 can adequately fulfill our needs, I wish to state that I will give them my support and cooperation.

It is time for action and that action seems now to be change!

Regards

Michael A. Komusi

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**From:** Keith Erkenbrack [mailto:keithe@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 1:55 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Cc:** publicworks@co.whatcom.wa.us  
**Subject:** ref: Point Roberts & Point Recycling

Penny Ingram, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Penny, I am writing on behalf of our garbage and recycling collection. I believe the best course is the system we now have in place. The area is made of of so many part time and summer only residents, a full tradional weekly pick up is not feasible. We do not have enough residents to make it operationable, with all the costs involved in this day and age. The area has stayed very clean and neat with the present system, which was a concern to me when the pick up service was dropped. I fully support Point Recycling an Refuse Company proposal and firmly beleive this is most sensible and logical service for the residents in the Point Roberts area.

I do know that the Freedom 2000 application will not provide anything near the service right now and I forsee the charges escalating under their proposal. The only way a pick up collection service would work is a tax added to property taxes as is done in several communities, counties, states, in this area as there is no requirement to have pick up service in Point Roberts.

Thank you for your time,  
Respectfully,  
Keith Erkenbrack  
2044 Cliffside Drive  
Point Roberts, WA





Docket TG-091687

It has been said that the Marina and its businesses requested special, and cheaper, rates for services from Point Recycling. I asked Mr. Wilkoski if this was so and he declined to answer that question. Perhaps the commission could do so.

I must make my feelings known on this practice of allowing the bigger and wealthier to have less expensive rates just because they provide more volume. What happens is then that ordinary citizens pay disproportionately more for the same services as the wealthy and commercial entities.

Perhaps determining the exact cause of the reason the marina began not using the old garbage service, requests they may or may not have made for special, and less expensive rates, should be considered.

Patricia Birchall

Point Roberts



To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Attn: David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr., SW  
Olympia, Wa 98584-7250

Re: Point Recycling & Refuse LLC-091685 Application for Expedited Temporary Cert/Pmt  
Point Recycling & Refuse LLC-091686 Application for Temporary Cert/Pmt  
Point Recycling & Refuse LLC-091687 Certificate of Public Convenience

Dear Mr. Danner:

Point Roberts Marina was a long time customer of Point Recycling and Refuse LLC under the ownership/management of Art Wilkowski. It was our experience that the service was less than satisfactory for the following reasons:

--PRR charged the Marina for emptying every dumpster, regardless of whether they were full or empty.

--These charges were levied year round, despite the fact that the Marina is a seasonal business with numerous empty dumpsters in the months of October through to the month of April.

--The Marina was offered no pick-up recycling service at all.

Because Point Roberts Marina is striving to become a cleaner, greener Marina and because we found the level of service to be unacceptable we ceased using their services completely on February 8th, 2008. We then began to haul the garbage ourselves to Recycling and Disposal Services Inc. in Ferndale.

The Marina has more than 900 boat slips and maintains a level of 90% occupancy. With the addition of guests during the peak boating season of May through September the amount of recyclable materials can be significant, and we now haul the recyclables as well. Even though this requires that a staff member spend a minimum of 4 hours of travel time each time a run needs to be made, and these runs need to be made multiple times each week during the summer, we feel the effort is necessary to reduce the amount of garbage in landfills.

We do not believe that Mr. Wilkowski is committed to any sustainable recycling program, and we are unconvinced that PRR's service and policies will vary in any way. For this and the above mentioned reasons we oppose any application made by Mr. Wilkowski.



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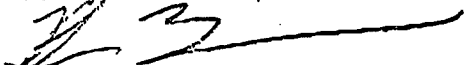
November 20, 2009

Re: PRR application # 091687 for limited garbage services in Point Roberts

Dear Mr. Danner,

I would like to express my opposition to the county continuing any garbage services run by Mr. Wilkowski. I own a business and live in Point Roberts. I feel that my waste disposal needs would best be served if all of our garbage collection services were provided by a single company. Mr. Wilkowski does not wish to provide full service to my community. Therefore I request that his application be denied.

Sincerely,

  
Ben Lazarus

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**From:** H K Pyles [mailto:hkpyles@dccnet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2009 12:21 PM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Subject:** Forwarding of message to Jon Hutchings, Whatcom County Solid Waste

Dear Ms. Ingram:

Please read the message below that I am sending you at the suggestion of Jon Hutchings.

I hope it is of some value you to you.

Sincerely,

Knick Pyles  
Hamilton K Pyles  
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**From:** H K Pyles [mailto:hkpyles@dccnet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2009 11:21 AM  
**To:** 'jhutchin@co.whatcom.wa.us'  
**Subject:** Our telephone conversation of this morning

E mail to: [jhutchin@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:jhutchin@co.whatcom.wa.us)

@Point Roberts      26 October 2009

Dear Jon:

Thank you for taking my call this morning on the subject of solid waste and recyclables at Point Roberts.

I reviewed my refuse and recycling costs since the advent of no curbside pick up.

I was making one or two trips a month to the dump with large recyclables and extra refuse and garden wastes anyway, so my trips to the dump looks to have increase by 1/2 to 1 trip a month.

The cash costs have been cut in half, at least. Time and gasoline costs may have gone up a bit, but not much as I don't have to lose any sleep

on Sunday nights worrying if I will remember to put the garbage can out Monday morning!!

Further, I have noticed that the potholes have really decreased here in Freeman Beach since the garbage truck has stopped coming 6 to 7 times a month.

This may be strictly co-incidental, but probably not.

So, my idea is as follows:

If the tax based deal can't be accomplished, then we should have curbside pick up that has a cost for those that want it.

We should have a NO EXCEPTION self-haul program that costs say \$50.00 a year with a credit for so many pounds against the initial cost-- say 400 pounds.

The curbside pick up could be accomplished with a truck that is used to pick up dumpsters. In fact, a dumpster could be on the truck and the garbage just placed in the dumpster. There is no need for an expensive, heavy, high maintenance, self-load crushing, garbage truck- in my opinion. I hope the contractor chosen will feel the same way.

In fact, a lightweight high cube trailer could be hauled behind a sturdy pick up and no big six-wheeler used at all for routine curbside pick ups.

Of course, too, we should have curbside recycling pick up for the people who want it and, of course, too, we should have the DEPOT!!

As we discussed, the DEPOT for kitchen sized garbage bag disposal and recyclables drop off is a must. Some place along Tyee or very shortly off of it would need to be found. The DEPOT could be designed in the form of a POINT ROBERTS NET SHED, a structure that was once here. Surplus netting, boats, and gear, as well as plantings. could be used to camouflage the dumpster for the garbage bags and the bins for recyclables.

I don't have an idea of the cost of the Depot, unfortunately. However, over time the true cost would be less than any alternative, in my opinion!



Certainly, if any landowner in the desired area would provide the land, a major cost could be reduced or eliminated. Certainly, a Depot would be of value to any retail business located nearby.

People who fear an untended R and R Depot should realize that untended gas stations are on the Point, four of them at last count, and they have WAY GREATER POTENTIAL for harm and disaster, than does a R and R Depot.

It is my guess that no more than 200 households would sign up for curbside pick up. That is a max of 6400 gallons of cubic garbage a week.

That is 202 cubic yards, give or take, maximum.

A 20' x 8' x 6' dumpster holds about 35 yards.

So, six trips a week around the Point with a dumpster on a flat bed truck or low boy trailer (better) would handle all the residential garbage. The commercial garbage with the exception of the marina and super market and maybe some others, is handled by dumpsters anyway.

After our conversation this morning, it looks like maybe the figure of 200 is too high. Maybe the volume would be less than half of that described above!

For sure we need a low-cost green waste disposal program. They have it in Oregon on a profit making basis-- it was on NWCN a couple a weeks ago-- so why not here?

Neighbors say that dumping in the saltwater on the beaches, as well as in forests and such have increased since the elimination of the 3.5 cents a pound program for green waste.

So we surely need a program for green waste that makes sense!!

I would like to send off some sort of a letter to the All Point Bulletin tomorrow on the subject. Would you kindly send me any thoughts or

directions you have so that I may write the letter in as practical and logical manner as possible?

Thank you.

Best regards,

Knick Pyles

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: AL RANGER - ID# 22794**

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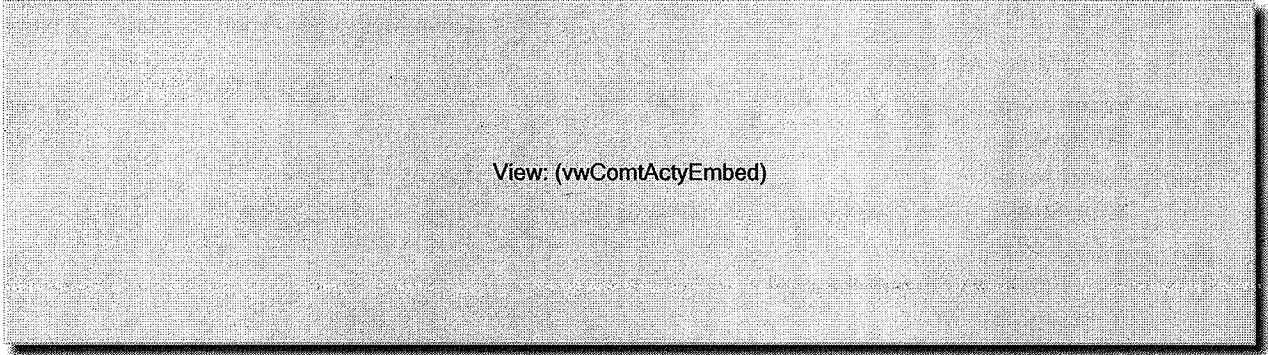
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**Activites For AI Ranger**



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**COMMENT FORM FOR: DN PETTIPAS AND TED POLKINGHORNE - ID# 22783**

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Name	DN PETTIPAS AND TED POLKINGHORNE	
Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email	dnp@interchange.ubc.ca	
Primary Phone #		Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

Comment Information		
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>We are writing to you with regard to Point Roberts roadside garbage and recycling services. As property owners on the Point for the last twelve years we would like to recommend that Point Recycling be given a license to provide on-call special clean-up services as part of their Transfer Station operations. We take care to recycle our paper, plastic and cardboard, compost our wet food garbage, and haul the rest to the Transfer Station.</p> <p>There are a number of possibilities for Point Roberts recycling for example having a Sunday bottle recycling depot at the Market or other Gulf/Tyee Road central station, among other reasonable plans for the community. We feel confident that the County is capable of devising a reasonable system design for our small community.</p> <p>We thank you for the opportunity to comment,</p> <p>Regards, 531 Calder Drive, Point Roberts, Washington</p>	
Attachments		

Issue Information

Issue ID	392	
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc	
Filing	091685	
Staff	Penny Ingram	

<b>Complaint Information</b>	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <span style="float: right;">Complaint ID</span>

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**Activites For Dn Pettipas And Ted Polkinghorne**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: DOROTHY & MARTIN GURNEY - ID# 22796**

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Name	DOROTHY & MARTIN GURNEY	
Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email	ptbob229@gmail.com	
Primary Phone #		Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

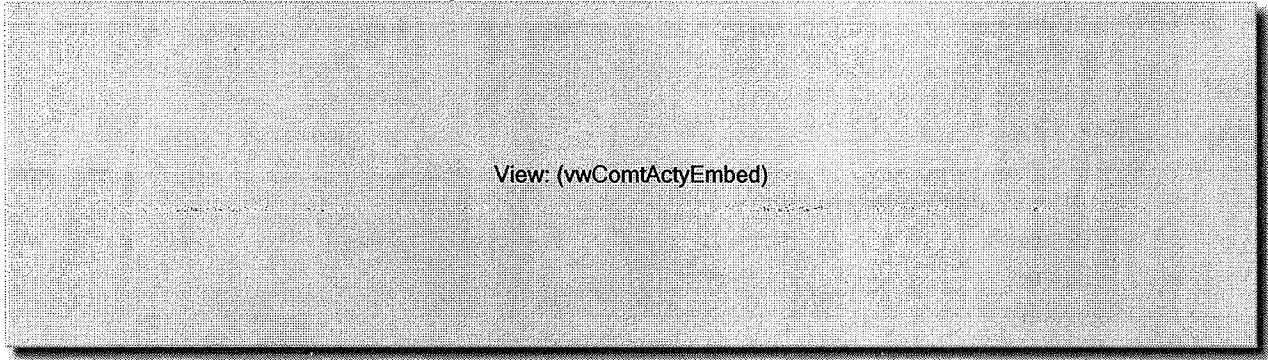
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Dear Ms. Ingram,                      My husband and I would:                      (1) urge that the WUTC support and approve the Point Recycling application,                      (2) urge that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gellatly/Calder) application,                      (3) ask adamantly that the County do as required by law; and now create a reasonable plan for our community.                      Please support us in our request in this matter.                      Sincerely,</p>	
Attachments		

<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

<b>Complaint Information</b>	
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**Activites For Dorothy & Martin Gurney**



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**COMMENT FORM FOR: DOUGLAS & KARIN PRUSS - ID# 22798**

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Name	DOUGLAS & KARIN PRUSS
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	klpruss@whidbey.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

<b>Comment Information</b>	
Theme	Open Date 12/02/2009
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Dear Penny Ingram &amp; Jon Hutchins,</p> <p>As full time residents of Point Roberts for the last 8 years, we would like to pass on to you our opinion and preference for a garbage/recycle collection service that would work best and be in the best interest for our community.</p> <p>It is not economically feasible to offer curb recycle pick up. For one thing, half of what is recyclable has been purchased in Canada and must be returned there. So we have to split our recycle bins in two. What is left, even as full time residents, only needs to be discarded every other week, at most. It is not a hardship to drive 3 minutes to the dump. Even for the elderly, there are enough caring residents to help them out.</p> <p>Personally, we have been much happier to make the trip to the dump on an as needed basis, even including garbage. It has been much more cost effective for us than paying a monthly fee. For the "summer residents" who are not willing to commit to a long term payment agreement, this is also a much better solution. You pay for what you use.</p> <p>As for garbage, if there is anyone in Point Roberts who is capable of resolving the issue of curb side pick-up, it is the Point Recycling and Refuse Company. We would be willing to accept any service they have to offer, whether it be curbside pickup or self-haul. It is time for the WUTC to move forward and resolve the issues with the best (and only) service provider that we have had to date.</p> <p>Arthur Wilkowski is an upstanding citizen, volunteer and supporter and has done more for this community than I can even begin to list. There is no one else that I would trust</p>

more to provide us with our very divergent needs. He has suffered great injustice due to a few radicals who wanted to change the system. Please see to it that he is given the appropriate licenses and power to re-instate our garbage/recycle services as he sees fit for our community, both financially and practically.

1993 E Saturna Place  
Point Roberts, WA 98281  
360-945-2898

Attachments

**Issue Information**

Issue ID 392

Company Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc

Filing 091685

Staff Penny Ingram

**Complaint Information**

Unresolved Complaint  Yes  No

Complaint ID

**Follow-Up Information**

Follow-Up  Yes  No

Follow-Up Staff

Follow-Up Complete  Yes  No

**Other Follow-Up Information**

Other Follow-Up  Yes  No

Other Follow-Up Staff

**Activites For Douglas & Karin Pruss**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: FRAN FRASER - ID# 22785**

Consumer Information	
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Name	FRAN FRASER
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	franfraser@shaw.ca
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Hello</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to share my concerns over the handling of refuse and recycling in Point Roberts. I have been a property owner for over 30 years and have experienced the many ways in which the refuse has been handled over the years. The current situation is not ideal but at least it works. I suggest that the application by Point Recycling and Refuse Company be approved to maintain the service that we currently have. Then I would urge the County to recognize that Point Roberts offers some unique challenges in the handling of refuse and recycling. Then having accepted that this is a special situation that requires special solutions get on with developing a working plan for the Point.</p> <p>Yours truly, 704 Kendor Road Point Roberts, WA 98281</p>
Attachments	

Issue Information	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685

Staff Penny Ingram

**Complaint Information**

Unresolved Complaint  Yes  No

Complaint ID

**Follow-Up Information**

Follow-Up  Yes  No

Follow-Up Staff

Follow-Up Complete  Yes  No

**Other Follow-Up Information**

Other Follow-Up  Yes  No

Other Follow-Up Staff

**Activites For Fran Fraser**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: GAIL AMUNDSEN - ID# 22797**

Consumer Information	
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Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	gailamundsen@msn.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

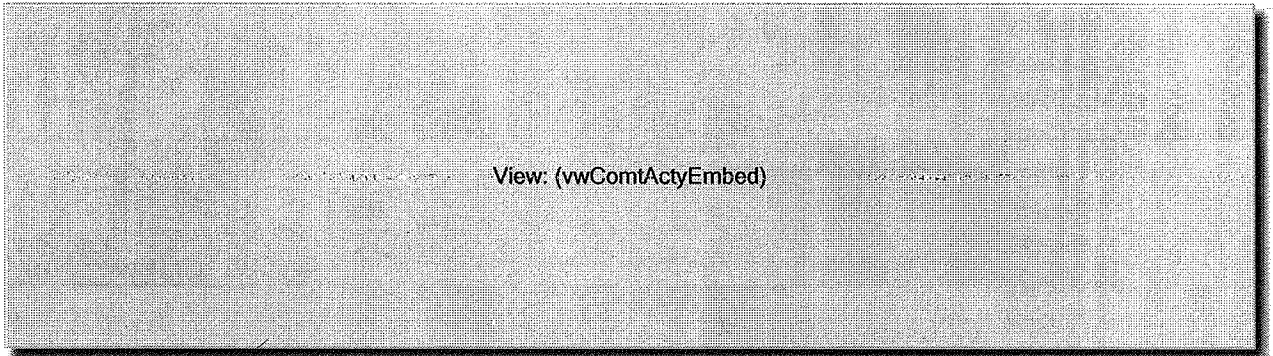
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Hi, I am writing in response to the letter that Art Wilkowski recently sent out. My request is that Freedom 2000 be granted the full collection certificate. I do not approve of Art Wilkowski's condemnation of Freedom 2000 as an applicant as "unqualified, inexperienced and sure to quickly fail". I believe that Freedom 2000 has plenty of experience driving trucks, are hard working and are willing to try and make our community better. I do not want to wait in line at the dump . It has not been cheaper or easier for us. The flat rate Art is charging now is unfair. Art is inflexible, unhelpful and had his turn. It is time for a change and quickly.</p>	
Attachments		

Issue Information	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

Complaint Information	
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**Activites For Gail Amundsen**



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**COMMENT FORM FOR: JUDITH REITENBACH - ID# 22795**

<b>Consumer Information</b>	
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Name	JUDITH REITENBACH
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	reitenbach@shaw.ca
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As a part-time resident of Point Roberts for over 50 years, I have experienced various companies or services that have dealt with the pick-up of garbage on the Point. I was never sure what to expect from the garbage service until Arthur Wilkowski took over the running of the business 10 years ago. I have nothing but praise for the work he and his employees have done with garbage and recycling. I have used curb side service as well as the drop off at the dump and I actually prefer to drop my own garbage and recycling off at the garbage site. He has also provided another service that has been used by many within our area and that is the bins that he supplies and the removal of materials such as old oil tanks that are disposed of properly.</p> <p>The facility is clean, the people are friendly and the organization is amazing. It is obvious that Mr Wilkowski is a dedicated man who puts a lot of pride and work into his business. I support him in his endeavour to keep the garbage business a viable business on the Point. I have no problem taking my garbage to the dump and in fact it has become a weekly or bi-weekly ritual that is quite enjoyable.</p> <p>Neighbours will often take turns taking the garbage for one another and it is a bit of a social event in that you run into other people in your community - only in Point Roberts would this be a pleasant experience.</p> <p>I am contacting you to:</p> <p>- request that the WUTC and County support and approve the Point Recycling</p>	

application

- request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gallatly/Calder) application
- would appreciate it if this matter could be settled as soon as possible.

For those people that cannot take their garbage to the site, I am sure Mr. Wilkowski would come up with something to accommodate them. I can't imagine what this whole business has been like for him after all these years of building up this service to make it one that he and the whole community can be proud of.

This is a wonderful community. I don't know what the Gallatly/Calder interest is, but I question whether this has anything to do with garbage.

Thank you for your interest in solving this matter so that we no longer have to read about it in our local newspaper. It would be in the best interest of the community if Mr. Wilkowski could get on with running his business, one that he has shown to be passionate about.

Sincerely,  
1984 East Waldron Place  
Point Roberts, Wash.

Attachments

#### Issue Information

Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

#### Complaint Information

Unresolved Complaint  Yes  No Complaint ID

#### Follow-Up Information

Follow-Up  Yes  No  
Follow-Up Staff  
Follow-Up Complete  Yes  No

#### Other Follow-Up Information

Other Follow-Up  Yes  No  
Other Follow-Up Staff

#### Activites For Judith Reitenbach

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: LILLIAN M. J. ROBERTSON - ID# 22784**

Consumer Information	
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Name	LILLIAN M. J. ROBERTSON
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	lmjr-1@live.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	As a home owner on Point Roberts< would like to request: 1-the WUTC and the county support and approve the Point Recycling application. 2-the WUTC reject the FREEDOM 2000 application. 3-the County do their job, as required by law, and create a resonable plan for my community. Yours Truely, Point Roberts, Wa.
Attachments	

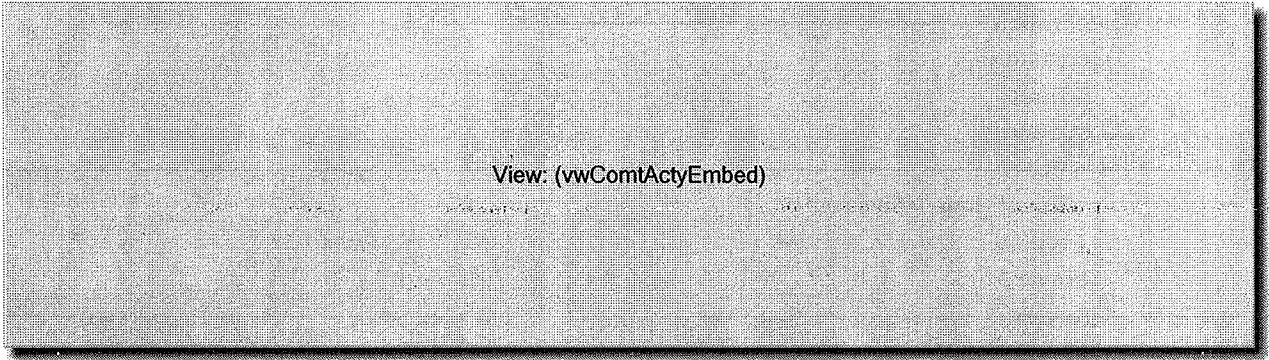
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Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

Complaint Information	
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**Activites For Lillian M. J. Robertson**



**COMMENT FORM FOR: LUCY CUTHBERTSON - ID# 22786**

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Name	LUCY CUTHBERTSON	
Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email	troonie@aol.com	
Primary Phone #		Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Dear Penny,</p> <p>I have just rec'd Arthur Wilkowski, letter outline as to what has to happen to garbage collection in Point Roberts. I do agree with him. I urge to to design a system that will work for our unique circumstances. As an American citizen I am appalled at the services provided by this county for the amount of taxes that I pay. I feel forgotten by all of you and urge you to do this for us as a community. I am single, over 60, and need services in order to live there.</p> <p>I would like to have you approve the Point Recycling application Also reject the Freedom 2000 group</p> <p>Sincerely., 695 Freeman Lane Point Roberts Wa. 98281 480-229-6576 Cell phone</p>	
Attachments		

<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685

Staff Penny Ingram

**Complaint Information**

Unresolved Complaint  Yes  No

Complaint ID

**Follow-Up Information**

Follow-Up  Yes  No

Follow-Up Staff

Follow-Up Complete  Yes  No

**Other Follow-Up Information**

Other Follow-Up  Yes  No

Other Follow-Up Staff

**Activites For Lucy Cuthbertson**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: MAUREEN M. BUCKLEY - ID# 22791**

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Name	MAUREEN M. BUCKLEY
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	.mbuckley50@mac.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>Penny Ingrahm WUTC Jon Hutchins Whatcom County Public Works To Ms. Ingrahm and Mr. Jon Hutchins, I am a full time American resident in Point Roberts and have lived here for five years. In addition, I own my home and have a small private counseling practice here on the Point. I pay my taxes promptly and willingly. Having observed the nightmare process where a very few citizens managed to destroy our very satisfactory garbage service I cannot remain silent on the the subject. I am asking that the WUTC and Whatcom County support and approve the Point Recycling application. The Freedom 2000 application should be rejected. Create a decent plan for this community. If you do not have empathy for the garbage situation in Point Roberts, I suggest you arrange an appointment with me where we will take my garbage and recycling to the dump and spend the afternoon interviewing all the customers who have to find some way on their own to take care of this necessary and frequently nasty chore. Maureen M. Buckley, MA, LPC 67 Bayview Drive</p>	

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<b>Attachments</b>	

<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

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**Activites For Maureen M. Buckley**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: PATRICK & JANET BIGELOW - ID# 22788**

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Name	PATRICK & JANET BIGELOW
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	pabigel@shaw.ca
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>To: WUTC, Olympia, Wash. Attention: Penny Ingrahm and: Whatcom County Public Works Bellingham, Wash. Attention: Jon Hutchins</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>Please be advised that we, as property owners in Point Roberts, Wash., hereby support an Application before you, from Point Recycling and Refuse Company, (Arthur Wilkowski) to provide garbage cleanup and drop-box services to the residents of Point Roberts.</p> <p>We also request that you Reject the Application from Freedom 2000 (Gellatly/Calder), for a full garbage collection service. This party's application will not be financially acceptable to their proposed customers, and does not appear to be financially feasible, for their survival.</p> <p>The County needs to let common sense prevail, in creating a reasonable plan for garbage collection services in Point Roberts, an area that has several extenuating/uncommon circumstances, surrounding Recycling and Garbage collection and disposal services, as well as these services being "seasonal" for approx 75/80% of the residents.</p> <p>Thank you for your favourable consideration of our requests.</p> <p>686 Sylvia Drive Point Roberts, Wash.</p>
Attachments	

Issue Information	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

Complaint Information	
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**Activites For Patrick & Janet Bigelow**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: RAY S. CAPANI - ID# 22793**

<b>Consumer Information</b>	
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Name	RAY S. CAPANI
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	scottcap01@earthcalls.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
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Theme	Open Date 12/02/2009
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Please take notice:                      I request that the WUTC and County support and approve the Point Recycling application.                      I request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gellatly/Calder) application.                      I request that the County create a reasonable plan for garbage collection for Point Roberts.                      These requests made in support of Arthur Wilkowski and Point Recycling and Refuse.                      Regards,                      2266 Cedar Point Ave                      Point Roberts, WA 98281</p>
Attachments	

<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

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**Activites For Ray S. Capani**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: SUZANNE KINSEY - ID# 22792**

Consumer Information	
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Name	SUZANNE KINSEY
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	kinseyreports@whidbey.com
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>I must say, I think Arthur Wilkowski has gone mad.</p> <p>First, he refuses to give us service and stops picking up our recycling and then, secondly, stops picking up our garbage - and the latter with little notice and complete disregard for the citizens of this community.</p> <p>Now he wants to tell us what would be the best course for us to take?</p> <p>As far as I am concerned he is not a professional.</p> <p>He has no judgment skills.</p> <p>He has no loyalty to this community.</p> <p>And I demand that you folks at the WUTC deny any application he has for any type of service. It is absolutely ludicrous that he would apply to provide only part of a service and then send out a letter to the very people he has betrayed asking for support!</p> <p>1860 Washington Drive Point Roberts, WA 98281 360-945-1970</p>
Attachments	

Issue Information	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685

Staff Penny Ingram

**Complaint Information**

Unresolved Complaint  Yes  No

Complaint ID

**Follow-Up Information**

Follow-Up  Yes  No

Follow-Up Staff

Follow-Up Complete  Yes  No

**Other Follow-Up Information**

Other Follow-Up  Yes  No

Other Follow-Up Staff

**Activites For Suzanne Kinsey**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: SUZANNE M ROSSER & STEVEN B WOLFF - ID# 22790**

<b>Consumer Information</b>		Contact Method <input checked="" type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None
Name	SUZANNE M ROSSER & STEVEN B WOLFF	
Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email	s.rosser@inter-the-gateway.com	
Primary Phone #		Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

<b>Comment Information</b>		
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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	<p>We are in agreement with Arthur Wilkowski, (proprietor of Point Recycling &amp; Refuse Co) that the county must create a workable garbage/recycling system that suites the unique needs of the Point Roberts community.</p> <p>Everyone can agree that we will continue to have the same problems regardless of who's application is approved.</p> <p>The State &amp; County must step up to it's legal responsibilities and work with Arthur and our community to create a feasible Garbage/Recycling Plan/System.</p> <p>As members of this community, who would prefer a more sustainable/ecological approach to a new system, we believe that Arthur's background knowledge makes him a valuable selection for approval.</p> <p>At Steve Wolff's suggestion and Barbara Brenner and Carl Weimer's agreement, the county council could pass a regulation that mandates garbage pickup in Point Roberts. Practically speaking that could mean a mandatory minimum \$10 per month per house but said fee would be credited at station to a complying self hauler per dumping at 13 cents per lb.</p> <p>There would be no legal penalties for lack of payment only cancelation of garbage pickup and a higher fee per pound at point of entry for non complying self haulers.</p> <p>As former Secretary to the Point Roberts Taxpayers Board I worked with our board to determine what course we could take in this matter. We asked Whatcom County for guidance to put us on a feasible path to creating a winnable solution. They consistently</p>	

told us what could not be done and that the Byzantine State & County regulatory system basically was paralyzed into inaction and lack of imagination. Because of the unilateral, illogical and relentless harassment by 3 women in Point Roberts; our community has been degraded to this point and lowered my property's value. So here we sit still reviewing applications for a non-business model that will fail yet again without a custom plan for our unique community. Yours in Good Faith, Common Sense and the Will for an Up-graded Sustainable Solution, Suzanne M Rosser & Steven B Wolff, property owners and members in good standing of: Point Roberts Taxpayers Association, Point Roberts Conservation Society, Point Roberts Sustainability Group

Attachments

Issue Information	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

Complaint Information	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Complaint ID	


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**Activites For Suzanne M Rosser & Steven B Wolff**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: MYRA ANTON - ID# 22767**

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Name	MYRA ANTON
Organization Company	
Address	1496 GULF ROAD
City, State, Zip Code	POINT ROBERTS WASHINGTON 98281
Email	
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information		
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Point Roberts  
WA 98281

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Company Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc

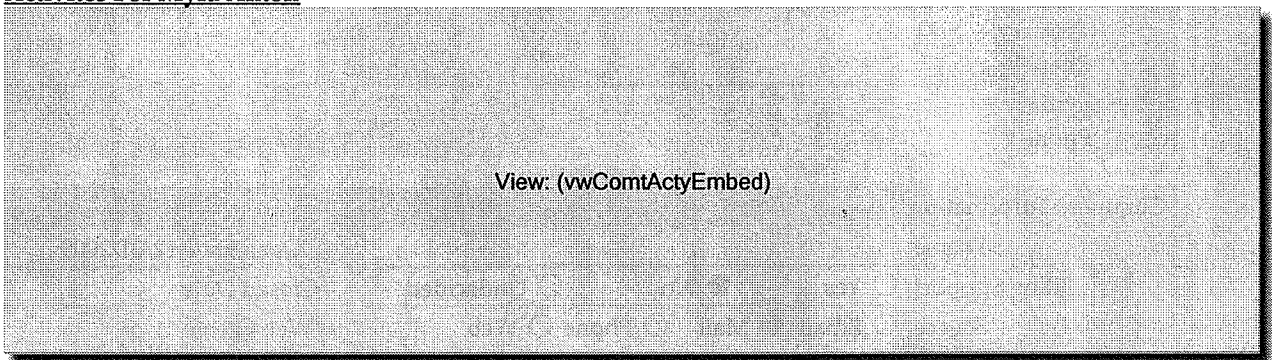


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**Activites For Myra Anton**



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**COMMENT FORM FOR: TOM BAILEY - ID# 22766**

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Name	TOM BAILEY
Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	2163 CULP COURT POINT ROBERTS WASHINGTON 98281
Email	
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information		
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Staff	Penny Ingram

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**Activites For Tom Bailey**

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Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email		
Primary Phone #	360 945-1066	Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

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Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler	
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	Ms states she supports Points. Ms wants the county to design a garbage system that will work for the area.	
Attachments		

<b>Issue Information</b>	
Issue ID	392
Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

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**Activites For Angela Mohr**

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: EDDIE DEMESSY - ID# 22799**

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Organization Company	
Address City, State, Zip Code	
Email	
Primary Phone #	Fax #
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Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Description	Mr stated he does not support Points.	
Attachments		

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Company	Points Recycling And Refuse, Llc
Filing	091685
Staff	Penny Ingram

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**COMMENT FORM FOR: RICK SANDY - ID# 22800**

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Name	RICK SANDY	
Organization Company		
Address City, State, Zip Code		
Email		
Primary Phone #	360 945-0225	Fax #
Secondary Phone #		

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Description	Mr stated he supports Points.	
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**Activites For Rick Sandy**

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Commissioners  
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Olympia, WA 98504-1150  
October 28, 2009

Re: TG-091685, Point Recycling and Refuse application for expedited certificate

Commissioners:

In reference to the application filed by Arthur Wilkowski, Point Recycling and Refuse, I would like the Commission to consider the historical documentation of the facts that illuminate the manner in which this company conducts business within the Point Roberts community. This information is found in a formal complaint, TG-089129, filed by Renee Coe, Shannon Tomsen and myself in November of 2008. This document was filed in response to Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse arbitrary cessation of curbside recycling. This action placed the company in violation of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Ordinance and denied the community a convenient method to recycle. Whatcom County also filed a complaint to relieve the company of its G certificate, and these two items were consolidated under the docket number referenced above.

In May of this year, Mr. Wilkowski's behavior resulted in the complainants issuing a motion to compel which the Administrative Law Judge partially granted and then required him to furnish the material requested. Mr. Wilkowski's response was to disobey the order and subsequently relinquished his G-certificate and ceased all commercial and residential solid waste curbside collection as of July 1, 2009. Since that time residents of this community have been required to find other means of getting their materials to the transfer station. We have had four months to work with this inconvenient and expensive system of handling our trash; we were assured that this would be temporary by Whatcom County and were encouraged to all pull together as there were interested companies prepared to file with the commission to restore solid waste management to the level of service we enjoyed prior to January of 2008. Four months later, Points Recycle is claiming there is an emergency and, if so, Points Recycle bears the responsibility of creating it.

It is a great surprise to me that Arthur Wilkowski is now applying for a G-certificate that only four months ago he voluntarily abandoned. Particularly insulting is that the application is only for special services, i.e. the more lucrative aspects of the business, while the rest of the community is left to their own devices. It is difficult to envision how approval of this application is in the best interest of the community when the 99% of the population in Point Roberts will not benefit.

The determination of whether or not this company is fit to conduct business should not be solely judged by possession of the necessary equipment to do the job. Mr. Wilkowski has intimidated this community through written communication, via USPS and advertising and quoted news stories in the Point Roberts publication, The All Point Bulletin. All of these documents are available in the formal complaint, TG 089129.

When Mr. Wilkowski relinquished his G-certificate, Whatcom County and the Complainants docket was dismissed. In light of this current application before you, I would like to request that the commission review the complaint against Points Recycle as requested TG- 089129 to determine the fitness of this company qualify for certification.

We are prepared to request that the formal complaint against this company be revisited. This action will fully ensure that the commission is in possession of documentation that is relevant in determining if this company will operate in the best interests of the public or continue with the same behavior that has created discord and controversy in the community.

Thank you for your consideration of the above remarks,

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Damewood  
119 Kilarney Place  
Point Roberts, WA 98281  
360-945-6966

***This e-mail states the informal opinions of commission staff, offered as technical assistance, and are not intended as legal advice. We reserve the right to amend these opinions should circumstances change or additional information be brought to our attention. Staff's opinions are not binding on the commission.***

Sincerely,

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**From:** Shannon Tomsen [mailto:shannon.prwa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:53 AM  
**To:** Ingram, Penny (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re: Points Recycling and Refuse files applications for consideration by the commission on October 29, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Hi Penny -

We are having a family emergency so I will not be able to call in tomorrow or spend any time writing a proper response.

It seems to me that this "application" is incomplete as it does not include any actual service. Also, if this is allowed to go forward, the complaints against him must first be reinstated, heard in their entirety, and decided. As a result, this "application" can only be seen as a stall tactic and is in the worst interest of the residents of Point Roberts.

Thank you,  
Shannon Tomsen

On Tue, Oct 27, 2009 at 4:56 PM, Ingram, Penny (UTC) <[PIngram@utc.wa.gov](mailto:PIngram@utc.wa.gov)> wrote:

On October 23, 2009, Points Recycling and Refuse filed applications for expedited temporary, temporary, and permanent authority to provide the following service in Point Roberts:

To provide on-call special cleanup/pickup services and on-call and permanent drop box service in Point Roberts Washington. In addition, the application stated that Points was not interested in providing commercial garbage dumpster service, residential garbage collection or residential curbside collection.

