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STATE OF MASH. UTIL. AND TRANSP. COMMISSION

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re Application No. GA-079133 of

MATTHEWS, TRYSTAN d/b/a RECYCLE WHIDBEY,

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For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Solid Waste Collection Service. DOCKET NO.: TG-030325

RESPONSE OF PROTESTANT WASHINGTON REFUSE AND RECYCLING ASSOCIATION TO MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

COMES NOW PROTESTANT, WASHINGTON REFUSE AND RECYCLING ASSOCIATION ("WRRA"), and responds to Applicant's Request for Continuance as follows:

Protestant objects to a continuance of this hearing. It was made clear to applicant at the Prehearing Conference that if he was going to retain an attorney he needed to do so quickly, and that last minute requests for a continuance would be met with disfavor. Applicant should have dealt with this issue long before now.

Protestant's witness is unavailable for virtually all of August 2003 and plans have already been changed to accommodate the existing date. Counsel also is unavailable for most of August 2003 by reason of a multi-day trial set to start August 25, 2003, in Kitsap County Superior court, and a summary judgment motion in Mason County is currently set for July 28, 2003.

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