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2	UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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4	In the Matter of the Application of)
5	SPARTAN ENVIRONMENTAL LLC)
6	For a Certificate of Public) DOCKET TG-112025 Convenience and Necessity to)
7	Operate Motor Vehicles in) Furnishing Solid Waste Collection)
8	Service)
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1	OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 2, 2012
2	1:30 P.M.
3	JUDGE LOVINGER: Let's go on the record.
4	Good afternoon. It's approximately 1:32 on
5	February 1, 2012, in the Washington Utilities and
6	Transportation Commission's Hearing Room 206 in Olympia,
7	Washington.
8	This is the time and place set for the
9	prehearing conference in Docket No. 112025, In Re:
10	Application of Spartan Environmental, LLC for a Certificate
11	of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Motor
12	Vehicles in Furnishing Solid Waste Collection Service.
13	Spartan Environmental has filed with the
14	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission an
15	application to provide solid waste collection service
16	consisting of biohazardous and biomedical waste in the State
17	of Washington.
18	Notice of the application was published
19	in the Commission's weekly docket on November 30, 2011.
20	Washington Refuse & Recycling Association; Rubatino Refuse
21	Removal, Inc.; Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc.;
22	Murrey's Disposal, Inc.; Pullman Disposal Services, Inc.;
23	Stericycle of Washington, Inc.; and Waste Management of
24	Washington, Inc., doing business as WM Healthcare Solutions

of Washington, have all filed protest to this application.

- 1 My name is Martin Lovinger. I'm the
- 2 Administrative Law Judge presiding over these proceedings.
- 3 I would appreciate it if everyone in the room
- 4 would please turn off their cell phones, or at least turn
- 5 them to silent so we can get started.
- 6 Some of the parties may be appearing on the
- 7 Committee's conference bridge and not in person. I would
- 8 ask that you identify yourself each time you speak so that
- 9 all parties, and especially the court reporter, Ms. Liz
- 10 Harvey, will know who is speaking. Also please speak as
- 11 clearly and audibly as possible to make sure that we hear
- 12 you, because this proceeding is being transcribed by a court
- 13 reporter. She may interrupt you to let you know she didn't
- 14 hear what you were saying. Let's try to avoid the necessity
- of repeating what you've already said.
- 16 Our first order of business is the taking of
- 17 appearances. Please state your name and party you are
- 18 representing. If you have already -- if you have not already
- 19 given your business card to the court reporter, please do
- 20 so.
- 21 We'll start with the Commission staff,
- 22 please.
- MS. WOODS: Good afternoon, your Honor. I'm
- 24 Fronda Woods, Assistant Attorney General for Washington
- 25 Utilities and Transportation Commission staff. I believe

- 1 it's customary when parties make appearances to give their
- 2 addresses and telephone numbers and everything. So I'm
- 3 going--
- 4 JUDGE LOVINGER: Not if you've provided it
- 5 already, but you're welcome to do so.
- 6 MS. WOODS: I'll try. My address is 1400
- 7 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, P.O. Box 40128,
- 8 Olympia, Washington, 98054-0128. My telephone number is
- 9 area code 360-664-1225. My fax number is area code
- 10 360-586-5522. My e-mail address is Fwoods@utc.wa.gov.
- I'm pleased to have with me in the hearing
- 12 room today Penny Ingram from Commission staff.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you very much.
- Next we'll hear from the applicant, Spartan
- 15 Environmental LLC.
- MR. GADBOIS: Greg Gadbois with Spartan
- 17 Environmental.
- 18 JUDGE LOVINGER: And the information that you
- 19 previously provided us is still accurate?
- MR. GADBOIS: Yes, all the contact
- 21 information remains the same. I do have a business card.
- 22 JUDGE LOVINGER: You can provide it to the
- 23 court reporter. That would be appreciated.
- Next we'd like to hear from the
- 25 representative for Washington Refuse & Recycling, and

- 1 Rubatino, Consolidated Disposal Services, Murrey's Disposal,
- 2 and Pullman Disposal Service.
- 3 MR. SELLS: Thank you, your Honor. If you
- 4 please, James Sells, Attorney, Private Mail Box 22, 3110
- Judson Street, Gig Harbor, Washington, 98335; telephone,
- 6 360-981-0168; e-mail, Jamessells@comcast.net; appearing on
- 7 behalf of Protestants Washington Refuse & Recycling,
- 8 Rubatino Refuse Removal Inc., Consolidated Disposal
- 9 Services, Inc., Murrey's Disposable (sic), Inc., and Pullman
- 10 Disposable (sic), Inc.-- Disposal, not disposable.
- 11 JUDGE LOVINGER: Mr. Johnson, I believe
- 12 you're here on behalf of Stericycle of Washington.
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, your Honor. My
- 14 name is Stephen B. Johnson. I'm with the law firm of Garvey
- 15 Schubert Barer. We represent Stericycle of Washington, Inc.
- 16 in these proceedings. You have the accurate information
- 17 with respect to my address, my telephone-- general telephone
- 18 number, my e-mail in the hearing notice for this prehearing
- 19 conference. To add one, I'll give my direct line as well:
- 20 206.816.1309. Please feel free to use that one. I don't
- 21 know why we need to have to go through a receptionist in
- 22 order to talk on the phone. So I answer that phone
- 23 regularly.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you.
- 25 MR. VAN KIRK: I'm Jared Van Kirk, also with

- 1 Stericycle of Washington Inc. at the same address as Steve.
- 2 My direct line is 206.816.1372.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: And I believe, Ms. McNeill,
- 4 you're representing Waste Management of Washington Inc.?
- 5 MS. MCNEILL: Thank you, your Honor. That's
- 6 correct. Polly L. McNeill with Summit Law Group,
- 7 representing Waste Management of Washington Inc., d/b/a WM
- 8 Healthcare Solutions of Washington. I have provided my
- 9 business card. And you have the correct information,
- 10 including direct dial numbers, in the prehearing conference
- 11 notes.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you.
- MS. MCNEILL: And with me today is my
- 14 colleague, Jessica. I'll let her introduce herself.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Good afternoon, your Honor.
- 16 Jessica Goldman from Summit Law Group.
- 17 JUDGE LOVINGER: Welcome.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Thank you.
- 19 JUDGE LOVINGER: Is there anybody on the
- 20 bridge line at this time? Nobody's on UTC's conference
- 21 line.
- 22 Is there anybody here who wants to petition
- 23 to intervene in this matter?
- 24 With that out of the way, we're to
- 25 preliminary matters. And I would like to start by asking if

- 1 there are any preliminary matters that need to be addressed.
- 2 Again, I'll turn to Commission staff.
- 3 MS. WOODS: Your Honor, Fronda Woods for
- 4 Commission staff. I don't know whether this would fall
- 5 within the category of a preliminary matter. Mr. Gadbois
- 6 from the Applicant has indicated that he may be interested
- 7 in retaining an attorney. So that could affect decisions
- 8 that we make today. I don't--
- 9 JUDGE LOVINGER: Do you have a recommendation
- 10 on that?
- 11 MS. WOODS: I won't make a recommendation
- 12 until we hear from everybody else.
- 13 I'd also like to note that yesterday or the
- 14 day before, I sent to Spartan and the attorneys for the
- 15 Protestants copies of prior decisions that the Commission
- 16 has made in biomedical waste cases, just so we'd all have
- 17 access to the same information. And your Honor, if you like
- 18 and if no one objects, I would forward to you those same
- 19 e-mails so that you have access to those decisions as well.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you. I would
- 21 appreciate that.
- 22 MR. JOHNSON: Certainly no objection here,
- 23 your Honor.
- MR. SELLS: No objection.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: We'll take it if we don't

- 1 hear from everyone that there's no objection. Everyone
- 2 doesn't have to say "no objection."
- 3 Mr. Gadbois, I'll turn to you next. We're
- 4 dealing with preliminary matters. Ms. Woods has raised one
- 5 sort of on your behalf that might be an important one for us
- 6 to consider. Can you please tell you us what is
- 7 transpiring?
- 8 MR. GADBOIS: Well, the intent was to find
- 9 out today what steps I was going to need to take before the
- 10 actual hearing. So I was going to get a list together of
- 11 everything that I was going to need to collect, evidence
- 12 that I was going to need to bring, and contact an attorney
- 13 at that point and go through it with him or her and go from
- 14 there.
- 15 JUDGE LOVINGER: You realize that among other
- 16 things we're going to be setting a schedule for how to
- 17 proceed in this matter?
- MR. GADBOIS: Mm-hm.
- 19 JUDGE LOVINGER: And that may not necessarily
- 20 coincide with the schedule of the attorney you're hoping to
- 21 employ.
- MR. GADBOIS: Right. Yes.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: We can't tell people how to
- 24 run their cases.
- MR. GADBOIS: Right.

- 1 JUDGE LOVINGER: So thank you.
- 2 Are there any other preliminary matters that
- 3 you wish to raise at this time?
- 4 MR. GADBOIS: I don't have any, no.
- 5 JUDGE LOVINGER: Okay. You're next, Mr.
- 6 Sells.
- 7 MR. SELLS: I don't, your Honor. Thank you.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you.
- 9 Mr. Johnson and Mr. Van Kirk?
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, Steve Johnson.
- 11 It's troubling me a little bit just to think that we're
- 12 going to set a schedule and then we're going to have a
- 13 lawyer come in a little later for the Applicant and
- 14 potentially have to revisit it.
- 15 So I had thought one possible approach would
- 16 be to-- and I don't know, your Honor, maybe we need a
- 17 schedule that we would let the lawyers react to. But one
- 18 possible approach would be to provide for and schedule a
- 19 prehearing or a discovery conference with the notion being
- 20 that Mr. Gadbois would have an attorney selected and present
- 21 at that discovery conference. We could have a-- as I
- 22 understand, the rule permits a rather informal discussion of
- 23 the case and what's involved, permitting then potentially
- 24 Mr. Gadbois and his attorney to then be in a better position
- 25 to understand what kind of scheduling and what kind of

- 1 discovery activity and what kind of prehearing activity
- 2 would be required to actually present the case.
- 3 I don't know whether that's a better idea
- 4 than just setting a schedule and then reacting to someone
- 5 coming in later representing Mr. Gadbois, but that's a
- 6 thought that occurred to me.
- 7 JUDGE LOVINGER: This is not a complaint
- 8 matter. So we're not-- certainly not under a situation
- 9 where we have a-- the only person who is going to be
- 10 inconvenienced by time obviously would be an applicant by
- 11 taking more time to handle this matter.
- 12 I certainly would propose that whatever we
- 13 do, we set things far enough down the road so that there
- 14 will be time to handle it.
- I am interested in the fact, though, that
- 16 you've raised it as a discovery conference. What discovery
- do you envision in this matter?
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I would envision
- 19 rather full discovery, including written data requests,
- 20 perhaps a series of two data requests, followed by
- 21 depositions potentially. I think that's the kind of
- 22 procedure we followed in the prior cases involving a broad
- 23 application for a statewide authority in medical waste.
- 24 That's been my thinking.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Ms. Woods, if I can ask you

- 1 Commission staff's position on this?
- 2 MS. WOODS: I just learned of this proposal
- 3 for a discovery conference just before the hearing. So we
- 4 haven't had a chance to discuss what type of discovery or
- 5 discovery conference might be needed.
- 6 JUDGE LOVINGER: If we were to take a recess
- 7 for a few minutes, say ten minutes, would it give you a
- 8 chance to talk with people and perhaps see if something
- 9 could be worked out?
- MS. WOODS: We could try that, your Honor.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you. We're going to
- 12 go to recess. We'll be at recess until five minutes to
- 13 2:00, give the parties a chance to talk about this.
- Obviously we weren't any more aware of Mr.
- 15 Gadbois's proposal than anyone else was. And I would like
- 16 to see if the parties can work out something in the way of a
- 17 schedule. We'd be open to whatever the parties can agree
- 18 to.
- 19 Mr. Gadbois?
- MR. GADBOIS: I was going to say it wasn't my
- 21 intent to throw a wrench into the situation, only that I
- 22 don't know exactly what is going to be asked before the
- 23 hearing. So my intent was to gather that information. I
- 24 don't know that it's going to take a week or that it's going
- 25 to take a month.

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- 2 I was going to need to come up with for the hearing. I
- 3 don't know that that's going to take that long. Once I get
- 4 the list, I'll be able to better gauge what that's going to
- 5 be. I don't know how long a lawyer is going to take to need
- 6 to go over it as well. So I wasn't intending to throw a
- 7 wrench into it. I'm trying to find out what I'm going to
- 8 need to bring.
- 9 JUDGE LOVINGER: The discovery process
- 10 complex is considerably more complex than us providing you
- 11 with a list of documents you're going to have to provide.
- MR. GADBOIS: Okay.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: And according to what Mr.
- 14 Johnson has indicated, he's looking at the possibility of
- 15 doing depositions, which will be to some extent like
- 16 mini-trials in which people are called under subpoena to
- 17 provide testimony.
- 18 I don't know that we can provide you with
- 19 enough information for you to know today.
- MR. GADBOIS: Okay.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: All right. However, it's
- our position to make sure that whatever happens, everyone
- 23 gets a fair hearing. And that's the important thing for the
- 24 UTC.
- Thank you. We'll be at recess.

- 1 (Recess taken from 1:47 2:25 p.m.)
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Let's go back on the record.
- 3 It's now 25 minutes after 2:00. That only took a half hour
- 4 longer than we originally set.
- 5 Do we have anything to propose at this
- 6 time?
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, Steve Johnson for
- 8 Stericycle. Speaking for the group, as we tried to come up
- 9 with a schedule for at least the first phase of things, we
- 10 have an agreed plan to get started with a schedule. And if
- 11 I can, I will lay it out for you.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Sure. Thank you.
- MR. JOHNSON: And see how it fits for your
- 14 Honor.
- 15 We thought we would try to have a discovery
- 16 conference at a point where Mr. Gadbois might have an
- 17 attorney retained and able to attend. So we plan to have
- 18 that either February 27, 28, or 29, allowing some
- 19 flexibility there for Mr. Gadbois' counsel.
- 20 We would attempt at that time to review the
- 21 case as it might be presented to consider whether there's
- 22 any way it could be narrowed, consider the kinds of
- 23 discovery that might be required, and whether there are
- 24 informal ways to obtain information that would shorten the
- 25 recovery process.

- 1 The next date on the schedule was March 30,
- 2 and that would be the deadline for propounding of data
- 3 requests. These are mutual dates. So to the extent to
- 4 which Protestants might propound data requests, March 30
- 5 would be the deadline for getting those out. No penalty for
- 6 early. Same with the Applicant, same deadline would apply.
- 7 Response to those data requests would be
- 8 April 27, be due April 27. I think we tried to figure these
- 9 dates for Fridays. But in any event, the thought was that
- 10 although the rules provide for ten days to respond to data
- 11 requests, frequently that's too short, and rather than
- 12 trying to shoehorn the responses into the ten-day period, we
- 13 thought a more realistic date might be appropriate. So we
- 14 suggested April 27.
- 15 A second round of data requests very likely,
- 16 in my view at least, would be required to clean up loose
- 17 ends. And that would be due in a shorter time frame, on May
- 18 11. Again, it would be mutual so the Applicant could follow
- 19 up with a second round.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: The second round, is that
- 21 responses or is that--
- 22 MR. JOHNSON: That's a date for propounding.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: That would be a date for
- 24 propounding?
- 25 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Responses would be due

- 1 May 25, which I believe is just before the Memorial Day
- 2 weekend. So we would get our work done before the holiday.
- 3 And then we would request your Honor schedule
- 4 a prehearing conference for the week of June 11 through 15,
- 5 somewhere in that week, to consider the next phase of the
- 6 hearing process, whether any additional discovery is needed,
- 7 whether depositions are needed, whether they will be
- 8 permitted, to set a schedule for prefiled testimony if the
- 9 parties and your Honor think that's the way to go, and for
- 10 the hearing.
- 11 And that is the extent of the schedule we
- 12 came up with.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Okay. What I would propose
- 14 is at some point when we reconvene, it's going to be for a
- 15 status conference rather than a hearing conference. I'm
- 16 hoping to take care of what we'll need today, but we'll see.
- Mr. Gadbois, I have a question for you,
- 18 though. Do you understand the nature of all these
- 19 discussions?
- 20 MR. GADBOIS: Yes. Yes. They explained as
- 21 we were going through it.
- 22 JUDGE LOVINGER: And do you understand the
- 23 time that's being set out here?
- MR. GADBOIS: Yes, I do.
- 25 JUDGE LOVINGER: And as the Applicant, this

- 1 length of time is okay with you?
- MR. GADBOIS: Yes.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: At this point, if nobody
- 4 objects-- I wasn't going to go along with such a lengthy
- 5 schedule, but if nobody's objecting, at this point you're
- 6 only asking for data requests. And I see no reason to allow
- 7 that to proceed (sic).
- 8 MR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, your Honor?
- 9 JUDGE LOVINGER: At this point you're only
- 10 requesting permission to do data requests. I don't see any
- 11 reason not to allow that. And Mr. Gadbois seems satisfied
- 12 with the schedule, so he's not inconvenienced. So I'll
- 13 agree to the schedule.
- 14 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, your Honor.
- 15 MR. GADBOIS: Do we need to set a specific
- 16 date or that will come later?
- 17 JUDGE LOVINGER: We'll set a specific date
- 18 for a status conference, it looks like in June. And-- but
- 19 that's all we're going to do today.
- The other dates are between you and between
- 21 all the parties here to determine how they're going to go
- 22 about arranging it.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, don't we need to
- 24 have deadlines for submitting and responding to these
- 25 discovery requests in order to make sure this thing does

- 1 move along?
- 2 The dates for response, for example, go
- 3 beyond--
- 4 JUDGE LOVINGER: You're asking me to put
- 5 these dates for responding into the prehearing order?
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: I think that would be
- 7 appropriate. The dates for issuing requests and for
- 8 responses, if they were in the prehearing order then we have
- 9 our marching orders, and we will proceed along that
- 10 schedule. If we don't have them in there, then we have no
- 11 structure for proceeding.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: I'm not going to put
- 13 something in the order about a discovery conference on the
- 27th, 28th or 29th. I will allow the parties to work that
- 15 out. You'll be faced with these deadlines. I guess that
- 16 will be the encouragement for to you arrange that and make
- 17 it work.
- 18 MS. WOODS: Your Honor, Fronda Woods for
- 19 Commission staff. The Commission's procedural rules do
- 20 permit discovery deadlines to be set for-- in a prehearing
- 21 order.
- 22 JUDGE LOVINGER: That's what I'm going to do.
- MS. WOODS: Thank you.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Thank you very much for
- 25 bringing that to my attention as well.

- 1 But I do want it understood at this point,
- 2 the discovery that's being allowed is being limited to data
- 3 requests. Everyone understands that? Okay.
- 4 All right. I will take all this information
- 5 under advisement, and we'll be sending out a prehearing
- 6 order unless there's something else that people have to take
- 7 care of today.
- 8 MR. SELLS: There's no date today for a
- 9 status conference, then?
- 10 JUDGE LOVINGER: Oh, yes. I should get a
- 11 date for today. I need go down the hall, however, to be
- 12 able to find out what the schedule is. I did not bring the
- 13 June calendar with me.
- 14 Is everyone planning that it will be by
- 15 conference, or that people be here in person for the status
- 16 conference?
- 17 I would suggest people be here in person at
- 18 that time because there are probably some things we're going
- 19 to have to set, other dates that we're going to have to set.
- MS. MCNEILL: Your Honor, Paula McNeill for
- 21 Waste Management. Yes, I would be personally present for
- 22 that, either I or Jessica. But counsel will be present for
- 23 it.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Ms. Woods?
- MS. WOODS: Certainly Commission staff can be

- 1 present for status conference.
- JUDGE LOVINGER: Okay. Do you feel that
- 3 there's no reason to be?
- 4 You made that sound a little hesitant.
- 5 MS. WOODS: I was just having trouble with
- 6 the microphone, your Honor.
- 7 JUDGE LOVINGER: We'll go off the record for
- 8 a few moments. I have to get a calendar.
- 9 (Pause in proceedings.)
- 10 JUDGE LOVINGER: Okay. Back on the record.
- 11 The parties seem to have indicated an
- 12 interest in having this conference in June. The dates of
- 13 the 11th and 12th work for the Commission's schedule.
- MR. JOHNSON: What kind of a day, your
- 15 Honor, is the 11th? Is that a Monday?
- JUDGE LOVINGER: It's a Monday.
- 17 MR. JOHNSON: I think Tuesday would be
- 18 better.
- 19 JUDGE LOVINGER: How about Tuesday the 12th
- 20 at 1:30?
- MS. MCNEILL: Great.
- 22 JUDGE LOVINGER: Does anyone believe there
- 23 would be an advantage at this time to set a hearing in this
- 24 matter, or is that something that everyone envisions is so
- 25 up in the air as a result of the planned discovery procedure

- 1 that they don't want to do so at this time?
- 2 MS. MCNEILL: Your Honor, Polly McNeill for
- 3 Waste Management. I think it would premature to set a date
- 4 for a hearing.
- 5 But I would suggest that we all recognize
- 6 that the hearing could take place very shortly after the
- 7 status conference. So I would hate to see it sort of start
- 8 all over again with people's calendars when we reconvene for
- 9 the status conference.
- 10 So we all should be sort of thinking about
- 11 the possibility, anyway, of there being no further discovery
- 12 and there being no further motions or issues, and the next
- 13 step would be to prefile the testimony.
- So I don't think that's anything that needs
- 15 to be mentioned in your order. I just mention it for all
- 16 the good of the group, I guess.
- 17 JUDGE LOVINGER: Anything else from any of
- 18 the other parties?
- 19 MR. SELLS: Jim Sells. Your Honor, please,
- 20 being a bit old-fashioned, I really like to know, roughly at
- 21 least, when I'm going to have a trial of some sort. And it
- doesn't certainly have to be set for a day.
- But I agree with Ms. McNeill that I'd like to
- 24 have a range of time that we're looking at where there may
- 25 be, if for no other reason than to let my witnesses know not

Τ	to schedule vacations and so forth during that time.
2	JUDGE LOVINGER: I'm going to suggest that we
3	go off the record.
4	(Discussion off the record.)
5	JUDGE LOVINGER: Is there anything else that
6	we have to take care of?
7	Are there any other matters that we need to
8	handle at this time?
9	I'll take all this information under
10	advisement, and you'll receive an order accordingly.
11	Thank you very much. We're adjourned.
12	(Proceeding concluded at 2:48 p.m.)
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9	I, Elizabeth Patterson Harvey, a Certified Court
10	Reporter and Notary Public in and for the state of
11	Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript
12	is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and
13	ability.
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
15	this 9th day of February, 2012.
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21	ELIZABETH PATTERSON HARVEY, CCR RPR
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23	My commission expires:
24	JUNE 2012