

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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FRED W. AND CRYSTAL L.)	DOCKET NO. TG-021533
STANLEY d/b/a STANLEY'S)	
SANITARY SERVICE,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
)	FOR EXEMPTION FROM BILLING
Seeking Exemption from the)	RULES IN WAC 480-70-396
Provisions of WAC 480-70-396.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 18, 2002, Fred W. and Crystal L. Stanley d/b/a Stanley's Sanitary Service filed a petition requesting an exemption from the billing rules in WAC 480-70-396. The purpose of the exemption is to allow Stanley's Sanitary Service to continue to bill its customers thirty days in advance.

- 2 The last solid waste rule revisions did not include the option of advanced monthly billing for garbage service. The company has filed a new tariff in Docket TG-021458 to comply with the new solid waste tariff format and all other rule revisions.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Petitioner asserts that it has billed customers one month in advance on a monthly basis for approximately 25 years. To change the billing procedure at this point would cause an extreme financial hardship on the company. The company's annual revenues were \$270,000 in 2001. A change in the billing procedures now would defer collection of \$22,500 of revenue in 2002. Customers would also be confused by the change.

FINDINGS

- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 27, 2002. The Commissioners reviewed the petition and were advised in the matter. They believe granting the petition is in the public interest and directed the Secretary to issue the appropriate order.

ORDER

- 5 (1) THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of Fred W. and Crystal L. Stanley d/b/a Stanley's Sanitary Service for an exemption from WAC 480-70-396 to allow for monthly billing of solid waste service one month in advance.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 27th day of November, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary