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February 25, 2022

Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**RE: Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft
February 2022**

To whom it may concern:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Whatcom County's Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on February 25, 2022. I am forwarding you their Plan submittal along with this cover letter to formally request Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) review of the Plan.

Per RCW [70A.205.065](#), Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any Preliminary Draft Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under Chapter 81.77 RCW and advise the submitting county and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for Whatcom County and for Ecology are below:

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I look forward to receiving your input. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Whatcom County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft, February 2022

cc: Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor, Whatcom County Health Department
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