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September 17, 2021

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

RE: Stevens County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft September, 2021

To whom it may concern:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Stevens County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on September 16, 2021. 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 required 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 likely effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for Stevens County and for Ecology are below:

Stevens County

Kevin J. Dionas Solid Waste Supervisor Stevens County Dept. of Public Works Solid Waste Division <u>KDionas@stevenscountywa.gov</u> 509-680-0514

Department of Ecology

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

Sincerely,

Paula Wesch

Regional Planner and Grant Manager WA State Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office

Enclosure: Stevens County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft, September 2021

cc: Kevin Dionas, Stevens County Solid Waste Supervisor Marni Solheim, Solid Waste Management Program Section Manager Peter Guttchen, Ecology Statewide Lead Planner

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