

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON,  
INC. d/b/a STERICYCLE,

Petitioner,

To Approve Tariff Revisions Regarding  
General Rates

DOCKET TG-230969

ORDER 03

GRANTING MOTION FOR  
CONTINUANCE

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On November 17, 2023, Stericycle of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Stericycle (Stericycle or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$2.9 million (25 percent) of additional annual revenue. Stericycle provides regulated medical waste collection service to approximately 15,000 commercial customers in Washington. This is the Company’s first general rate increase since its initial tariff took effect December 1, 2001.
- 2 Stericycle filed the request due to rising operational costs, including labor, supply chain, transportation, and disposal expenses. The Company is also seeking to streamline its service offerings to three container sizes.
- 3 On March 11, 2024, the Company filed revised tariff sheets.
- 4 On March 14, 2024, this matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting. Following the open meeting, the Commission issued Order 01 in this docket, approving Stericycle’s rates as filed on March 11, 2024, subject to six conditions.
- 5 Condition 1 of Order 01 required the “Company submit a general rate case with an effective date not later than October 1, 2025, allowing the Company to collect updated information and Staff to ensure the revenues, expenses, and allocations are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.”<sup>1</sup>
- 6 On July 8, 2025, Stericycle filed a Motion for Continuance (Motion) in this docket. In its Motion, the Company requests the Commission continue the obligation for Stericycle to

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<sup>1</sup> Order 01, Docket TG-230969 ¶ 17 (Mar. 14, 2025).

file a general rate case with an effective date not later than October 1, 2025, to April 1, 2026.<sup>2</sup>

7 In its Motion, Stericycle argues that granting a continuance pursuant to Washington  
Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-385(2)(a) will not prejudice any party or the  
Commission.<sup>3</sup> Further, Stericycle asserts good cause exists to grant the Motion due to  
corporate restructuring – specifically internal resources that would have been responsible  
for preparing the general rate case have been diverted to working on the merger with  
Waste Management.<sup>4</sup>

8 Finally, Stericycle states the continuance will allow Stericycle sufficient time to prepare  
its general rate filing and will not harm customers as its previously approved tariff will  
remain in effect.<sup>5</sup>

9 No other party has filed a response in opposition to Stericycle’s Motion.

### DISCUSSION

10 WAC 480-07-385(2)(a) states “[a]ny party may request a continuance by oral or written  
motion” and that “[t]he commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party  
demonstrates good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any  
party or the commission.” We agree with Stericycle that good cause exists to continue the  
effective date of Stericycle’s next general rate case from October 1, 2025, until April 1,  
2026.

11 Further, no party has filed their opposition to the continuance. Accordingly, we agree that  
granting the continuance will not prejudice any other party, the Commission, or  
customers. Therefore, the continuance is granted, and Stericycle shall file its next general  
rate case with an effective date of April 1, 2026.

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<sup>2</sup> Stericycle Motion for Continuance, Docket TG-230969 ¶ 7 (Jul. 8, 2025) (Mot. for Continuance).

<sup>3</sup> Mot. for Continuance ¶ 6.

<sup>4</sup> Mot. for Continuance ¶ 7.

<sup>5</sup> Mot. for Continuance ¶¶ 7-8.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 12 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 13 (2) Stericycle is engaged in the business of providing waste services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 14 (3) WAC 480-07-385(2)(a) allows any party to move for a continuance, and the Commission may grant a continuance if it finds good cause exists and the continuance will not prejudice any party.
- 15 (4) The Commission finds Stericycle has shown good cause exists to continue condition 1 from Order 01.
- 16 (5) The Commission finds that no party will be prejudiced by granting Stericycle's requested continuance.
- 17 (7) After reviewing Stericycle's Motion filed on July 8, 2025, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the Motion should be granted.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 18 (1) Stericycle of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Stericycle's Motion for Continuance, to continue the effective date of Stericycle's next general rate case from October 1, 2025, until April 1, 2026, is granted.
- 19 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Stericycle of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Stericycle to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective August 4, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Connor Thompson  
CONNOR THOMPSON  
Administrative Law Judge