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Steve McLellan, Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attention: John Prusia, Hearing Examiner

Re: The Disposal Group, Inc. v. Waste Management Disposal

Services of Oregon, et al.

Cause No. TG-941154

Dear Secretary McLellan:

On behalf of T & G Trucking & Freight Co., one of the defendants in the above matter, we are enclosing original and two copies of Declaration of Douglas J. Walters.

A copy is being mailed simultaneously to all known parties of record.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Steve Smith, Assistant Attorney General (w/enc.)

Bill Rasmussen, Attorney (w/enc.)
Cindy Horenstein, Attorney (w/enc.)

Jim Sells, Attorney (w/enc.)

Douglas J. Walters, T & G Trucking & Freight Co.

My name is Douglas J. Walters and I am the President of T & G Trucking & Freight Co., located at 2360 North Marine Drive, PO Box 17322, Portland, Oregon 97212, Telephone (503) 283-9550. T & G Trucking & Freight Co. (T & G) is in the business of providing the transportation of cargo containers having a prior or subsequent movement by water or rail. T & G operates under authority issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Certificate No. MC-241170 and under permit issued by the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner in Permit No. 27642. T & G does not hold operating authority from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

T & G does not hold out its services to transport solid waste.

In approximately March of 1994, I was approached by a representative of Oregon Waste Systems (OWS) and asked to submit to them information concerning the cost of providing tractors and

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chassis for the movement of loaded containers of sludge from the Alcoa Aluminum plant site near Vancouver, Washington, to the rail siding of Peninsula Terminals Railroad next to our container freight station at 2360 North Marine Drive in the City of I prepared and presented to OWS the proposed price based upon my company's costs to perform the service, plus a profit margin, and not based upon any interstate or intrastate I was advised by OWS that the material was to be moved tariff. from the Alcoa facility in Washington to the railroad in Oregon and from the railroad in Oregon on to the Columbia Ridge Landfill and Recycling Center (CRLRC). It was at all times my belief and understanding that this was a continuous motor-rail movement from the origin in Washington to the ultimate destination at Arlington, Oregon. It would not be possible for me to provide any part of the service without the railroad providing their part of the service. The whole procedure required that the material be moved in a container to a railroad siding and then moved on to Arlington, Oregon, for any part of the transportation to be accomplished.

OWS pays me for the utilization of my motor vehicle tractors and chassis. OWS contracts directly with the railroad on the rail portion of the movement.

T & G is not involved in any manner with the loading of the sludge into the containers in the State of Washington. We take an empty container from the rail siding in Oregon to the Alcoa plant site, where it is loaded with sludge by Rust while the driver waits in the truck. Our driver is not allowed to get out of the truck at the Alcoa site. We then immediately transport the loaded container back to the rail siding in Portland and load it on to the flatbed rail cars provided by Union Pacific Railroad. There is no stoppage in transit for storage or processing or transfer to a different container. The material, when it arrives at the rail siding, is loaded onto a rail car and moves on to Arlington, Oregon, each day. T & G loads containers onto the flat car with the use of a container loader that we operate at our facility.

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T & G handles the material as freight moving an intermodal container on flat car service. We do not consider the material as solid waste but as freight in a container to be moved on a flat car. We understand that OWS uses the material as cover at the landfill rather than solid waste for disposal.

The entire business operation of T & G consists of the movement of containers on chassis or trailers having a prior or subsequent movement by rail or by water. Our average movement of containers consists of approximately 120 per day, excluding those moving from the Alcoa facility. We have averaged approximately 72 container loads per day from the Alcoa facility.

T & G has operated for approximately ten years in providing integrated motor-rail service under the Container on Freight Car (COFC) exemption from the Interstate Commerce Act. It is a part of the regular business conducted by T & G. We have historically performed the motor carrier portion of COFC service as being exempt from either state or federal regulation, whether performed inside the state or across a state line.

On the movements from the Alcoa facility, the containers are moved initially over a private road owned by Tidewater Barge Company, to Lower River Road, to Mill Plain Road, to Interstate Highway 5 South, in Washington, across Interstate Highway 5 Bridge into Oregon to the North Marine Drive exit directly to the rail siding where the material is taken from the trailer and placed on the rail flat car for movement that same day onto Arlington, Oregon.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is a true and correct statement.

DATED this 2 / day of October, 1994.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing Declaration of Douglas J. Walters upon:

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by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed, with first class postage prepaid.

DATED this 25th day of October, 1994.

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