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In the Matter of: Cascade Recycling Inc.

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of, and Complaint for Penalties)
Against)
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CASCADE RECYCLING INC.)

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 JUDGE DOYLE: Let's be on the record. Good
7 morning. Today is Thursday, October 14th, 2021, and the
8 time is approximately 10:00 a.m.

9 My name is Samantha Doyle, and I'm the
10 administrative law judge presiding over today's hearing.

11 This is Docket TG-210102, which is a special
12 proceeding to determine whether Cascade Recycling
13 Incorporated is operating as a solid waste company
14 without the required permit from the Commission.

15 Let's take quick appearances starting with
16 Commission Staff.

17 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: On behalf of
18 Commission Staff, this is Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski,
19 Assistant Attorney General, and my contact information
20 is listed in Order 01.

21 JUDGE DOYLE: And for the company?

22 MR. JOHNS: I'm Mike Johns. I'm the
23 attorney for Cascade Recycling.

24 JUDGE DOYLE: And your information was filed
25 with the Commission as well with your appearance?

1 MR. JOHNS: That's correct. It was
2 yesterday, Your Honor.

3 JUDGE DOYLE: Great, thank you.

4 And as we just stated off the record, I
5 believe Staff and the company would like to have a short
6 break to have a quick discussion. So we will be off the
7 record and return -- is ten minutes enough? Or do you
8 want to message me when you're ready, a member of Staff
9 message me?

10 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: What I would
11 propose, Your Honor, is that we plan to come back on the
12 record and provide a status update at 10:30 if that's --
13 if that's acceptable to the company.

14 MR. JOHNS: That's fine with me.

15 MR. DOLMSETH: Yes, thank you.

16 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. Great. So with that,
17 we'll be off the record, returning at 10:30 for a status
18 update. Thank you.

19 (A break was taken from
20 10:04 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.)

21 JUDGE DOYLE: Let's return to the record
22 and check in with Staff for a status update from the
23 break. Thank you.

24 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you, Your
25 Honor. We had a productive discussion with the company,

1 and it looks like we can go ahead and proceed to have
2 some further discussion and potentially negotiate a
3 settlement. We don't know if that's what we will
4 eventually come to through the discussion, but we would
5 like to have the opportunity to do that and would
6 propose rescheduling this hearing for about three weeks
7 out depending on your -- your availability.

8 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. Great.

9 Generally speaking, I like to give a little
10 more time than three weeks. Are the parties amenable to
11 looking more like a month and a half out?

12 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: It would be my
13 preference to conclude this before the Thanksgiving
14 week.

15 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. And does the company
16 agree?

17 MR. JOHNS: Yes, I'm open to whatever will
18 work so -- and if it turns out -- I was looking at my
19 third week of November, and other than the 19th, I'm
20 pretty good the third week of November as well.

21 MR. DOLMSETH: Can you hear me? Can you
22 hear me?

23 JUDGE DOYLE: Yes.

24 MR. DOLMSETH: I just was going to say I've
25 been very thankful for your understanding and Kathryn as

1 well. Post COVID, I've been able to get a lot of
2 procedures looked at that was on the shelf, and I think
3 we're on the right path, but I still have a grafted
4 wound in my leg, and there's -- we're not done with it.
5 And I just say if that goes the wrong way, I may have to
6 come back and seek some additional time, but it's really
7 looking good right now. I'm grateful for that. So
8 anyways.

9 JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you. Appreciate that.

10 Okay. So looking at -- so looking at
11 November, how does the week of the 15th look to the
12 parties?

13 MR. JOHNS: You're on mute, Jennifer.

14 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you. Except
15 for the afternoon of Monday, the 15th, I'm generally
16 available. I would like to ask my -- I would like to
17 ask my witnesses about their availability that week.

18 Ms. McPherson and Mr. Perkinson, can you
19 chime in, please?

20 MR. PERKINSON: Yeah, just taking a look at
21 the calendar. The only strongholds that I have are the
22 17th, 9:30 to noon. And looks like Thursday, 9:00 to
23 noon as well. I can be available any other time that
24 week.

25 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you,

1 Mr. Perkinson.

2 Ms. McPherson?

3 MS. MCPHERSON: I am available or can
4 reschedule anything that week.

5 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you.

6 MR. JOHNS: And my only problem is the
7 morning of the 19th.

8 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. So does the morning of
9 either the 15th or 16th work? We could do 9:00 a.m. on
10 the 16th, would that work for the parties?

11 MR. JOHNS: That works for me.

12 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: That works for
13 Staff.

14 MR. DOLMSETH: Yes.

15 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. Great. Well, then at
16 this point, we will reschedule and send out a notice for
17 9:00 a.m. on the 16th rescheduling this proceeding. And
18 with that, is there any other business before we adjourn
19 for today?

20 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Not from Commission
21 Staff, Your Honor.

22 MR. JOHNS: And not from Cascade, Your
23 Honor.

24 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. Well, thank you,
25 everyone, for coming here today, and we are adjourned.

(Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.)

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