

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND) DOCKET TG-101220
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) (*Consolidated*)
)
Complainant,) ORDER 04
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v.)
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WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)
WASHINGTON, INC., d/b/a WASTE)
MANAGEMENT – NORTHWEST,)
)
Respondent.)
.....)

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND) DOCKET TG-101221
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) (*Consolidated*)
)
Complainant,) ORDER 04
)

v.)
)

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)
WASHINGTON, INC, d/b/a WASTE)
MANAGEMENT – SNO-KING,)
)
Respondent.)
.....)

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND) DOCKET TG-101222
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) (*Consolidated*)
)
Complainant,) ORDER 04
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v.)
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WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)
WASHINGTON, INC., d/b/a WASTE)
MANAGEMENT – SOUTH SOUND,)
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)
SEATTLE,)
)
Respondent.)
.....)

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
ORDER

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.** These dockets arise from a petition to allow sharing of revenues from recycled materials, lift the interim status of certain tariff changes, and approve revised commodity credits. The Commission suspended the operation of the tariff revisions pending hearings concerning all proposed changes, including whether the changes are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 2 **CONFERENCE.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on December 20, 2010, before Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta.
- 3 **APPEARANCES.** Polly L. McNeill, Summit Law Group, Seattle, WA, represents Waste Management of Washington, Inc. Fronda Woods, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, WA, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff or Staff).¹ Contact information provided at the conference for the parties' representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.
- 4 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** No party appeared at the conference seeking to intervene.
- 5 **CONSOLIDATION.** The Commission previously entered an order consolidating these three dockets. They are related to consolidated dockets TG-101542, TG-101545, and TG-101548 (Waste Connection Dockets), but not sufficiently related to warrant consolidation with those dockets at this time.
- 6 **PROTECTIVE ORDER.** The parties ask that the Commission enter a protective order in this docket under RCW 34.05.446, RCW 80.04.095, WAC 480-07-420 and WAC 480-07-423 to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information. The request was granted and a protective order will be entered.

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission's regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners' policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. *See, RCW 34.05.455.*

7 **DISCOVERY.** The parties asked that the discovery rules be available in this docket as provided under WAC 480-07-400. The Commission finds that this matter meets one or more of the criteria to make discovery available, and accordingly discovery is available to the parties as authorized in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.

8 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The parties agreed that a procedural schedule in this case depends on the outcome of proceedings in the American Disposal Dockets. Accordingly, the Commission will schedule another prehearing conference in these dockets to establish a procedural schedule following entry of the initial order in the American Disposal Dockets.

9 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file an original plus three copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines in WAC 480-07-395 and WAC 480-07-460. The Commission prefers that materials be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.

10 All filings must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.

11 An electronic copy of all filings must be provided through the Commission's Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail delivery to records@utc.wa.gov. Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette or CD including the filed document(s). Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Parties must follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files.

12 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Parties may submit documents electronically to the Commission on the filing deadline to expedite the filing process, but must file an original, plus three paper copies, of the documents with the Commission by 12:00 noon on the first business day following the filing

deadline established in the procedural schedule. WAC 480-07-145(6). Parties may submit documents electronically through the Commission's Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/efiling) or by e-mail to records@utc.wa.gov. Finally, to perfect filing, parties must simultaneously provide e-mail courtesy copies of filings to the presiding administrative law judge as well as to the parties to the proceeding.

- 13 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1355.
- 14 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 21, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

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