

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF
WASHINGTON, INC.,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the provisions of
WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of
Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies

DOCKET TG-180308

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM RULE; GRANTING
COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
FILE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 10, 2018, Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (Waste Management or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2017 annual report as required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-70-071. According to Waste Management, it is unable to prepare the report by May 1st due to the extensive nature of compiling the Company's information for the eleven hauling districts, two landfills, and several other recycling and transfer station facilities in Washington State. Waste Management seeks an extension until June 1, 2018. The Company understands that the annual regulatory fee must be paid on or before May 1, 2018.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Waste Management's request for exemption.

DISCUSSION

- 3 We grant Waste Management's petition for exemption. WAC 480-70-071(1)(c) provides that the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1. As noted above, Waste Management filed its request on April 10, 2018. Because Waste Management met the requirements of the rule, the Company may file its annual report no later than June 1, 2018, provided its regulatory fees are paid in full by May 1.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 5 (2) Waste Management is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Waste Management is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 7 (4) Under WAC 480-70-071(1)(c), the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2018.
- 9 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-180308 by Waste Management on April 10, 2018, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 and for an extension until June 1, 2018, to file its 2017 annual report is granted.
- 11 (2) Failure by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. to file its 2017 annual report by June 1, 2018, may result in enforcement action, up to and including cancellation of its operating authority.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Waste Management of Washington, Inc. to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 26, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary