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Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Whitman County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft September 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Whitman County's Preliminary Draft Solid Waste Management Plan and formal request for review via e-mail on September 25, 2018. This cover letter formally requests the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to review the Plan.

Per RCW 70.95.096, Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any Preliminary Draft Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under Chapter 81.77 RCW and advise the submitting county and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The UTC should send comments within 45 days from the date the UTC receives the plan. Please inform me of the date when this item will be presented at the UTC public meeting. I look forward to receiving your input. You may reach me at:

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Thank you for your review, and please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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