

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment
Against

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF
WASHINGTON, INC.
(CERTIFICATE G-237)

in the amount of \$47,700

DOCKET TG-190495

ORDER 02

GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION

BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 10, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$47,700 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Waste Management of Washington, Inc., (Waste Management or Company) for 477 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-70-201, which adopts by reference sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).
- 2 On July 25, 2019, the Company filed a response to the Penalty Assessment, contesting 253 of the violations, and requesting mitigation of the entire penalty based on the written information provided and without a hearing.
- 3 On August 28, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01, Denying Contest of Violations; Granting Mitigation; Suspending Penalty, in Part (Order 01).
- 4 On September 9, 2019, Waste Management filed with the Commission a Petition for Administrative Review (Petition). Pursuant to WAC 480-07-895(2)(c), any party may respond to the petition within 10 days after the petition is filed unless the Commission establishes a different deadline.
- 5 On September 13, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) filed a Motion for 20-day Extension to Respond (Motion). In its Motion, Staff explains that, due to competing deadlines, Staff has not yet been able to review Waste Management's argument, which raises complex issues of statutory interpretation. Staff requests an extension until October 9, 2019, to file its response to the Petition. That same day, Waste Management contacted the

Administrative Law Director and stated that the Company does not object to the extension.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 6 No party objects to Staff's request for an extension of time to respond to Waste Management's Petition. As such, we find good cause to grant Staff's Motion and extend the deadline for Staff to respond to the Petition until October 9, 2019.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Staff's Motion for a 20-day Extension to respond to Waste Management's Petition for Administrative Review is GRANTED, and Staff's response is now due on October 9, 2019.

- 7 DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 16, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Rayne Pearson
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Administrative Law Director