**[Service Date August 16, 2012]**

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**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**(Settlement Agreement or Status Report due by September 5, 2012)**

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Waste Management of Washington, Inc.*, Dockets TG-111813, TG-111814, and TG-111815 (consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 8, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Orders 04 and 05, Prehearing Conference Order, in the above-referenced matters establishing a procedural schedule.

On August 15, 2012, counsel for Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (Waste Management or Company) filed with the Commission, on behalf of the Company and Commission Staff (Staff), a joint request to suspend the procedural schedule in this proceeding. Waste Management indicates that both parties have agreed upon a complete and total settlement of the matters involved in this proceeding. The parties believe that by suspending the procedural schedule they can afford additional time for preparing settlement documents. Waste Management further indicates that it intends to file a settlement agreement and accompanying narrative to the Commission by the end of August. The Commission supports the informal resolution of matters before it and encourages parties to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission finds the parties’ negotiations and agreement in principle constitutes good cause to suspend the procedural schedule and therefore grants the parties’ request.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended. By September 5, 2012, the parties must either file a settlement agreement in this matter or a status report.**

GREGORY J. KOPTA

Administrative Law Judge