

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TG-120033
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WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)	
WASHINGTON, INC. D/B/A WM)	ORDER 09
HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS OF)	
WASHINGTON)	
)	ORDER FURTHER EXTENDING
For an Extension of Certificate G-237)	DEADLINE FOR FILING
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	PETITIONS FOR
and Necessity to Operate Motor)	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF
Vehicles in Furnishing Solid Waste)	ORDER 07 TO MARCH 28, 2013
Collection Service)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 14, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 07, Initial Order Granting Application (Order 07). Pursuant to WAC 480-07-825(2), any petition for administrative review must be filed within 20 days after the Commission served the order.

- 2 On February 26, 2013, Stericycle of Washington, Inc., (Stericycle) and the WRRRA Protestants¹ filed with the Commission a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Petitions for Administrative Review (Motion). The Motion requested an extension of the deadline for filing petitions for administrative review of Order 07 until March 28, 2013.

- 3 On March 1, 2013, the Commission entered Order 08 extending the deadline for filing petitions for administrative review of Order 07 until March 13, 2013. The Commission found that the family medical issues Stericycle described in its motion, in conjunction with the willingness of the applicant, Waste Management of

¹ WRRRA Protestants include the Washington Refuse and Recycling Association, Rubatino Refuse Removal, Inc., Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc., Murrey’s Disposal, Inc., and Pullman Disposal Services, Inc.

Washington, Inc. (Waste Management), to stipulate to a one week extension, provided good cause to extend the deadline for that period of time.

- 4 On March 1, 2013, senior counsel for Stericycle submitted a renewed request for further extension to March 28, 2013 (Renewed Request), in which he explains that the family medical conditions described in the Motion have become more serious and describes how he is unable to take over responsibility for preparing a petition for administrative review. Commission Staff does not oppose this request. Waste Management does not oppose further extending the deadline for Stericycle but opposes the same extension for the WRRRA Protestants.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 5 The Commission grants the request to further extend the date for filing petitions for administrative review of Order 07 to March 28, 2013. The family medical issues described in the Motion and the Renewed Request represent good cause to provide additional time, and no party objects to Stericycle's request.
- 6 Waste Management's objection to extending the deadline to the WRRRA Protestants is overruled. The grounds for the extension are specific to Stericycle, but Waste Management will not be prejudiced by application of the same filing deadline for both the WRRRA Protestants and Stericycle. Administrative convenience and procedural equity, moreover, is best served by adopting one filing date for all similarly situated parties. We also expect that the additional time granted to all parties will facilitate more concise and focused briefing of the issues raised for Commission determination.

ORDER

- 7 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS** that the deadline for filing petitions for administrative review of Order 07 is further extended until March 28, 2013.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 5, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge