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VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Bonnie Allen Program Coordinator Solid Waste Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

> Couse Sanitation, Inc./Waste Management of Washington, Inc. Re:

Dear Ms. Allen:

Please be advised that Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (Waste Management) intends to transfer to Couse Sanitation, Inc. (Couse) the territory contained in G-237 which overlaps with the authority sought by the application of Couse Sanitation, Inc. currently pending before the Commission. This would result in exclusive authority for the area being held by Couse, under G-169. Waste Management therefore does not oppose Couse's application.

If for any reason the parties are unable to finalize the transfer, Waste Management acknowledges and accepts the possibility that granting the Couse application will result in overlapping authority.

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Please feel free to contact me or James K. Sells, who represents Couse, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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