# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of	) DOCKET NO. TG-040800
STANLEY, FRED W. AND CRYSTAL L. DBA STANLEY'S SANITARY SERVICE,	) ORDER NO. 01 ) )
Petitioner,	) ) )
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
	)

#### **BACKGROUND**

- On April 30, 2004, Stanley, Fred W. and Crystal L. dba Stanley's Sanitary Service (Stanley's Sanitary Service or the Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its 2003 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report due to a crash of the Company's hard drive system that required the Company to purchase a new system and reconstruct its accounting data. The Company seeks an extension until May 31, 2004.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Stanley's Sanitary Service's request for exemption, subject to Stanley's Sanitary Service filing its 2003 annual report no later than May 31, 2004.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate

- public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW* 80.01.040; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.77 RCW.
- 4 (2) Stanley's Sanitary Service is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) Stanley's Sanitary Service is subject to the provisions of RCW 81.04.080 and WAC 480-70-071 requiring solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 6 (4) WAC 480-70-051 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-70 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. WAC 480-70-071 (1)(c) provides that the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1<sup>st</sup> due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2004.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket No. TG-040800 by Stanley's Sanitary Service on April 30, 2004, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

#### ORDER

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by Stanley, Fred W. and Crystal L. dba Stanley's Sanitary Service for an extension until May 31, 2004, to file its 2003 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Stanley, Fred W. and Crystal L. dba Stanley's Sanitary Service to file its 2003 annual report by May 31, 2004, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 81.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Stanley, Fred W. and Crystal L. dba Stanley's Sanitary Service to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of May, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary