BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Petition of |) DOCKET TG-0/0/85 |
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| WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGTON, INC., |) ORDER 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 AND GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT |

BACKGROUND

- On April 23, 2007, Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (Waste Management or the Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2006 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. The Company states that it is unable to prepare the report due to the extensive nature of compiling information for its eleven hauling districts, two landfills, and several other recycling and transfer station facilities in Washington State. The Company seeks an extension until July 1, 2007.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Waste Management's request for exemption, on condition that Waste Management must file its 2006 annual report no later than July 1, 2007.

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; *RCW* 81.04; *RCW* 81.28 and *RCW* 81.77.
- 4 (2) Waste Management is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- Waste Management 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 of each year.
- WAC 480-70-051 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-70 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 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2007.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-070785 by Waste Management on April 23, 2007, 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 Waste Management of Washington, Inc., for an extension until July 1, 2007, to file its 2006 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Waste Management of Washington, Inc., to file its 2006 annual report by July 1, 2007, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of RCW 81.04 that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Waste Management of Washington, Inc., 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 May 9, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary