BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) DOCKET 1G-080683
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGTON, INC.,) ORDER 01)
Petitioner,)) ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Seeking Exemption from the provisions of WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of) FROM RULE; GRANTING) COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies) FILE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- On April 16, 2008, Waste Management of Washington Inc., (Waste Management or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2007 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. According to Waste Management, 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. Waste Management seeks an extension until July 1, 2008.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Waste Management's request for exemption, subject to the following condition: that Waste Management file its 2007 annual report no later than July 1, 2008.

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 the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW* 80.01.040, *RCW* 81.01, *RCW* 81.04, *RCW* 81.16, *RCW* 81.28 and *RCW* 81.77.
- 4 (2) Waste Management is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

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- Waste Management is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-70-071 (1)(c), 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 came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2008
- 8 (6) After reviewing Waste Management's petition filed in Docket TG-080683 on April 16, 2008, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption Waste Management of Washington, Inc., requests for an extension of time until July 1, 2008, to file its 2007 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Waste Management of Washington, Inc., to file its 2007 annual report by July 1, 2008, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 81.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rule, and Commission orders.
- 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 Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 30, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary