

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TG-150579
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STERICYLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Seeking Exemption from the provisions of)	FROM RULE; GRANTING
WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of)	COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME
Annual Reports by Solid Waste)	TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
Companies)	

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BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 7, 2015, Stericycle of Washington, Inc. (Stericycle or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2014 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. According to Stericycle, it is unable to prepare the report due to a change in accounting personnel at the Company. This change necessitates additional time to gather the needed documents, reports and analysis for a complete and accurate report. Stericycle seeks an extension until June 15, 2015.

- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Stericycle’s request for exemption, subject to the following conditions: That the Company remit its annual regulatory fee to the Commission no later than May 1, 2015, and that the Company file the annual report no later than June 15, 2015.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) 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) Stericycle is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Stericycle 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, 2015.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-150579 by Stericycle on April 7, 2015, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The request by Stericycle of Washington, Inc. for an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 and for an extension until June 15, 2015, to file its 2014 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Stericycle of Washington, Inc. to file its 2014 annual report by June 15, 2015, 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 Stericycle 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 April 30, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary