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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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September 8, 2015

Re: Mason County Garbage Company, Inc. G-88, Comment by Mason County in Support of Revenue Retention

Dear Mr. King:

I am the Mason County's Deputy Director – Utilities and Waste Management and write in that capacity to certify Mason County Garbage Company's compliance with the local Solid Waste Management Plan. Our Plan outlines the recycling strategies the County and our local hauler will work collaboratively to provide for residents of our community.

With the exception of Criteria B below, Mason County Garbage has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County that its solid waste and recycling collection system in 2014 and 2015 has achieved the goals and objectives outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Revenue Sharing Plan and the applicable Mason County Ordinance, #147-08, which is adopted in the County Code as chapter 13.30.90. Specifically, Mason County Garbage performed on each criterion as shown below (as outlined in the 2014-2015 Plan Performance Criteria):

- Criteria A – Participated in quarterly meetings – 4% achieved.
Maintained recycle cart size option program – 1% achieved.
Provided annual program data collection and reporting – 5% achieved.
- Criteria B – Reduced solid waste service level and frequency of pick-ups by 1%. – did not achieve.
- Criteria C - Maintained the glass collection program at the Shelton, Belfair, Union, and Hoodport Transfer Stations - 10% achieved.

Although Mason County Garbage continued to educate citizens and promote recycling as an alternative to solid waste service they were not able to demonstrate that performance by increasing recycle pounds per month per household by 1%. During the 2014-2015 plan year recycling decreased from 32.97 to 31.39 pounds per month per household. As a result of this, Mason County Garbage is not eligible to receive an additional 5% incentive payment as authorized by TG-112162, May 2012, the "Interpretive and Policy Statement."

The 2014-2015 revenue share program and performance was reviewed in significant depth and there was consensus on the part of the County Staff that the hauler's obligations thereunder were being met in accordance with the approved plan, with the exception of Criteria B. Mason County Garbage has continuously participated in various educational programs and community recycling efforts to raise awareness of the importance of recycling in Mason County. Due to this factor, it is the consensus opinion of the County that Mason County Garbage is entitled to the 20% revenue retention as set forth in the Plan, Ordinance, and as permitted under RCW 81.77.185.

Thank you for your consideration. Accountability is important to our customers, and their satisfaction is everyone's priority. It is with this in mind that this letter is now submitted. Please contact me if you have other questions or concerns, or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,



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Mason County Commodity Revenue Share 2014-2015 Plan Performance Criteria

Summary				
Criteria	Topic		Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
A	Ongoing Implementation and Data Reporting		10%	10%
B	Reduction in solid waste pounds by 1% per month per household		10%	0%
C	Glass Management		10%	10%
			30%	20%

Criteria A Detail					
Monthly Meetings		Requirement	Date	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
October 2014	In person and/or SWAC - Monthly	4th Quarter 2014	10/8/2014	1%	1%
February 2015	In person and/or SWAC - Monthly	1st Quarter 2015	2/20/2015	1%	1%
May 2015	In person and/or SWAC - Monthly	2nd Quarter 2015	5/21/2015	1%	1%
August 2015	In person and/or SWAC - Monthly	3rd Quarter 2015	8/13/2015	1%	1%
Recycle Cart Size Option Program		Requirement	Complied? Yes/No	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
		Maintain Program	Yes	1%	1%
Annual Data Delivery		Requirement	Date	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
Glass Program Tracking		September, 2015	9/1/2015	1%	1%
Service Change, On-call/Vacation Detail		September, 2015	9/8/2015	1%	1%
Customer complaint Summary & Detail		September, 2015	9/8/2015	1%	1%
Cart Swap Summary		September, 2015	9/8/2015	1%	1%
Completed Annual Report		September, 2015	9/8/2015	1%	1%
TOTAL				10%	10%

Criteria B Detail				
Per Household Decrease	9/1/2013-8/31/2014		Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
	Baseline	Goal		
Reduce solid waste lbs per month per household by 1%	140.62 lbs	Goal: 139.21 lbs	10%	0%
		Achieved:141.45 lbs		

Criteria C Detail				
	Measurement	Actual	Maximum Eligible	Percent Approved
Glass Program - Shelton Transfer Station	Manage and Haul per county		4%	4%
Glass Program - Belfair Transfer Station	Manage and Haul per county		2%	2%
Glass Program - Union Transfer Station	Manage and Haul per county		2%	2%
Glass Program - Hoodspout Transfer Station	Manage and Haul per county		2%	2%
	TOTAL		10%	10%

Plan Total	30%	20%
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Incentive Criteria				
Per Household Increases and Decreases	9/1/2013-8/31/2014 Baseline	Goal	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
Increase recycle lbs per month per household by 1%	32.97 lbs	Goal: 33.3 lbs Achieved: 31.39 lbs	5%	0%

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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