

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

FREEDOM 2000, LLC DBA CANDO
RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the provisions of
WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of
Annual Reports by Solid Waste
Companies

DOCKET TG-160422

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM RULE; GRANTING
COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME
TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 14, 2016, Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal (Freedom 2000 or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2015 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. Freedom 2000 mailed its regulatory fee prior to the May 1 due date in WAC 480-70-076(2). According to Freedom 2000, it requires additional time to prepare the annual report in compliance with Commission guidelines. Freedom 2000 seeks an extension until August 2, 2016.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Freedom 2000's request for exemption, subject to the following condition subject to the condition that Freedom 2000 files its annual report no later than August 2, 2016.

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) Freedom 2000 is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Freedom 2000 is subject to WAC 480-70-076(2), which requires solid waste companies to pay regulatory fees by May 1 of each year. Freedom 2000 mailed its payment for its regulatory fees prior to May 1, 2016.
- 6 (4) Freedom 2000 is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 7 (5) 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.
- 8 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2016.
- 9 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-160422 by Freedom 2000 on April 14, 2016, 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.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request by Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal for an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 and for an extension until August 2, 2016, to file its 2015 annual report is granted.
- 11 (2) Failure by Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal to file its 2015 annual report by August 2, 2016, 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.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal 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 28, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary