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**In the Matter of the Application of: Superior Waste &  
Recycle LLC**

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 Application of, )  
 )  
 SUPERIOR WASTE & RECYCLE )  
 LLC )  
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 For Authority to Operate )  
 as a Solid Waste Collection )  
 Company in Washington )  
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PREHEARING CONFERENCE, VOLUME I

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2 1:00 P.M.

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So we are on the  
7 record in Docket TG-181023, which is an application  
8 filed by Superior Waste & Recycle, LLC for authority to  
9 operate as a solid waste collection company in  
10 Washington.

11 Today is Monday, April 8th, 2019, at 1:00  
12 p.m., and we're here for a prehearing conference to  
13 discuss scheduling and other procedural issues.

14 My name is Rayne Pearson. I'm the  
15 administrative law judge presiding over this case.

16 So let's get started by taking short  
17 appearances beginning with Commission Staff.

18 MR. FUKANO: Good morning, Judge. My name  
19 is Harry Fukano, Assistant Attorney General, here on  
20 behalf of Commission Staff.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.

22 And for the applicant, Mr. Stein?

23 MR. STEIN: I'm sorry.

24 JUDGE PEARSON: Go ahead and identify  
25 yourself. Just state your full name and spell your last

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1 name.

2 MR. STEIN: My name is Daniel Stein,  
3 D-a-n-i-e-l, S-t-e-i-n. I am the owner of Superior  
4 Waste & Recycle, LLC.

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

6 And, Mr. Stanovsky?

7 MR. STANOVSKY: Yes, Walker Stanovsky,  
8 S-t-a-n-o-v-s-k-y, representing Waste Management.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: And you have entered an  
10 order of appearance -- or a notice of appearance?

11 MR. STANOVSKY: No, but my information is  
12 listed in the protest. Do I need to enter a notice of  
13 appearance as well?

14 JUDGE PEARSON: You do, yes.

15 MR. STANOVSKY: Okay.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: And that's fine if we have  
17 your contact information, I can accept that for now.  
18 Just make sure --

19 MR. STANOVSKY: Oh, okay. Yeah.

20 JUDGE PEARSON: -- to submit a notice of  
21 appearance.

22 MR. STANOVSKY: We'll get that in right  
23 away.

24 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.

25 Okay. There were no written petitions to

1 intervene filed with the Commission. Is there anyone  
2 present or on the bridge line who wishes to orally  
3 request intervention in this matter?

4 Okay. Hearing nothing, that brings us to  
5 discovery. Would the parties like to have the discovery  
6 rules available?

7 MR. STEIN: Please.

8 MR. STANOVSKY: Yes, Your Honor.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And during  
10 proceedings at the Commission, parties often issue a  
11 first data request asking that any subsequent data  
12 requests and responses are shared with every other  
13 party. It would make it easier on the parties if I just  
14 included this requirement in the prehearing conference  
15 order if there is no objection to me doing so.

16 MR. FUKANO: None from Staff.

17 MR. STANOVSKY: None from Waste Management.

18 MR. STEIN: None from Superior.

19 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Sounds good. So  
20 discovery will otherwise be conducted according to the  
21 Commission's procedural rules. And would the parties  
22 like a protective order?

23 MR. STANOVSKY: Yes, Your Honor. Just a  
24 standard protective order would be fine.

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Standard, okay.

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1 Mr. Stein?

2 MR. STEIN: Would it -- would it be  
3 appropriate, would it be okay if I asked just what the  
4 order would entail?

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.

6 MR. STEIN: Thank you.

7 JUDGE PEARSON: Mr. Fukano, would you  
8 explain it to him?

9 MR. FUKANO: And so the purpose of a  
10 protective order would be that if you anticipate  
11 requesting or being requested to provide kind of  
12 sensitive, confidential information that may have either  
13 personally identifiable information or information about  
14 your business that you feel if it was -- were released  
15 to the general public would be a detriment to your  
16 business such as financing or other kind of sensitive  
17 matters, a protective order would kind of keep those  
18 records from being introduced to the public during the  
19 period of the case.

20 MR. STEIN: And I thank you very much for  
21 that, appreciate that.

22 I would like a protective order.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

24 MR. STEIN: My customer accounts, names, and  
25 addresses is very important to me.



1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Then I will issue a  
2 standard protective order.

3 And that brings us to the schedule. I'm  
4 assuming that the parties have not had the opportunity  
5 to discuss a procedural schedule in advance, but correct  
6 me if I'm wrong. No?

7 MR. STANOVSKY: No, that's correct, Your  
8 Honor.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So what I can do is I  
10 can step out of the room and allow you all to talk  
11 amongst yourselves. Please do create a timeline that  
12 allows for two simultaneous rounds of prefiled written  
13 testimony, direct and responsive, and then also please  
14 decide whether there's need for -- a need for  
15 post-hearing briefs after the hearing and then build  
16 that into your schedule as well. Okay?

17 MR. STANOVSKY: And so, Your Honor, both --  
18 all parties would file their direct at the same time and  
19 then would file the responsive testimony at the same  
20 time?

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Correct.

22 MR. STANOVSKY: Thank you.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So with that, we'll  
24 be in recess, and if Mr. Young or Mr. Fukano would come  
25 get me, I'll be in my office when you're ready for me,

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1     okay?

2                     MR. KENEFICK:   Judge Pearson?

3                     JUDGE PEARSON:   Yes?

4                     MR. KENEFICK:   This is Andrew Kenefick with  
5     Waste Management.  I -- I don't think we made reference  
6     to the fact that there are people on the bridge line.  
7     So I'm just going to keep on -- I'll stay on the phone.  
8     I just wanted to make sure that others realize it in  
9     case they felt they were discussing something  
10    confidential yet it could be overheard by the  
11    participants on the bridge line.

12                    JUDGE PEARSON:   Okay.  That's good to know.  
13    And then also, if those on the bridge line want to  
14    participate in the drafting of the schedule, if the  
15    people in the room could use their microphone so that  
16    people on the bridge line could hear, that would be  
17    helpful as well.

18                    MR. KENEFICK:   Thank you.

19                    JUDGE PEARSON:   Okay?  All right.  Then we  
20    are in recess.

21                                    (Recess taken from 1:05 p.m.  
22                                    until 1:40 p.m.)

23                    JUDGE PEARSON:   Okay.  Then we are back on  
24    the record following a brief recess, and I understand  
25    the parties have agreed to a schedule.

1           Mr. Fukano, would you mind reading that into  
2 the record?

3           MR. FUKANO: Yes.

4           And please correct me if I make any mistakes  
5 in this, other parties.

6           So the proposed schedule we have is -- and  
7 I'll work backwards from the hearing date.

8           JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

9           MR. FUKANO: A hearing date of August 5th  
10 and potentially 6th and with exhibits that would be  
11 due -- exhibits and filings due July 29th, would be one  
12 week prior. Discovery would close July 15th in the  
13 sense that the last attempt to -- or opportunity to  
14 request discovery data requests would be July 15th;  
15 dispositive motions would be due July 3rd; rebuttal  
16 testimony would be filed June 14th; and first round  
17 testimony would be filed May 15th.

18           JUDGE PEARSON: Sorry, May what?

19           MR. FUKANO: 15th.

20           JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Well, I can tell you  
21 the hearing room is open because we'll be in a different  
22 building, and we've made no reservations in that new  
23 building as far as I know. What day of the week is  
24 August 5th?

25           MR. FUKANO: Monday.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Is that a Monday? Okay.

2 MR. YOUNG: They had a households goods --  
3 I'm sorry, they had a household goods thing scheduled  
4 for the 6th.

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Will you use the  
6 microphone?

7 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So do the parties  
9 anticipate it'll be a two-day hearing or...

10 MR. STANOVSKY: For Waste Management, we  
11 hope not, Your Honor.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

13 MR. STANOVSKY: But some time on the 6th as  
14 a spillover.

15 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

16 MR. STANOVSKY: You know, just out of  
17 caution.

18 JUDGE PEARSON: But there's an all-day  
19 household goods training on the 6th?

20 MR. YOUNG: On the 7th.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Oh, on the 7th. Oh, okay.

22 MR. FUKANO: The room is occupied in the  
23 afternoon preparing for the 7th training, but --

24 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

25 MR. FUKANO: -- the morning should be open.

1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So should we start at  
2 9:00 on the 5th rather than 9:30 just to try and...

3 MR. STANOVSKY: Fine with us.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: Try and get it resolved,  
5 okay.

6 MR. STEIN: That'd be fine.

7 MR. FUKANO: Staff is fine with that.

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So we'll set it for  
9 9:00, August 5th, continuing as needed the following  
10 morning also at 9:00.

11 Could you -- I'm pretty sure my calendar is  
12 open, but could you pull it up for me? I do have a  
13 vacation in August, but I think it's later than that.

14 MR. FUKANO: Yeah, I think you're scheduled  
15 for vacation beginning the 19th.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Oh, perfect. Okay.

17 Okay. So that brings to electronic filing  
18 and electronic service. Filing will be in accordance  
19 with Commission rules, which require electronic filing  
20 of documents for formal filings. Also, the Commission's  
21 rules provide for electronic service of documents. So  
22 the Commission will serve the parties electronically and  
23 the parties will serve each other electronically.

24 And if any party has not yet designated a  
25 lead representative for service, please do so via an

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1 email to me as soon as possible if it's someone other  
2 than counsel who are here today in this room. My email  
3 address for your reference is rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov.  
4 And also, if anyone would like to add names and email  
5 addresses of other representatives or support staff who  
6 should receive electronic courtesy copies of all  
7 documents filed, please also email that to me as soon as  
8 possible.

9           Okay. Is there anything else that we need  
10 to address while we're here today?

11           MR. STANOVSKY: Yes, briefly, Your Honor,  
12 going back to discovery. Just wanted to -- we -- the  
13 parties discussed while you were out and we were off  
14 record that we don't anticipate that depositions will be  
15 necessary. So we thought it might be good to, in your  
16 prehearing order, specify that depositions won't be  
17 allowed without seeking approval from yourself.

18           JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And everyone's okay  
19 with that?

20           MR. STEIN: Yes.

21           JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Okay. So I will  
22 issue a protective order as well as a prehearing  
23 conference order that reflects the schedule that was  
24 agreed upon today. And if that's it, then we are  
25 adjourned.

1 MR. STANOVSKY: Were we going to specify  
2 issues to be addressed at the hearing or -- I mean, I  
3 guess, specifically Waste Management sort of sees two  
4 primary issues; the first being whether the Commission  
5 even has authority to issue the certificate as applied  
6 for. Waste Management anticipates filing a tariff to  
7 provide service as requested in the application to the  
8 Commission's satisfaction.

9 So I don't know how -- you know, how we want  
10 to address that, but just to, I guess, let you know that  
11 that will -- the Company anticipates that being a  
12 separate filing that will be concurrent with the  
13 progress of this proceeding --

14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

15 MR. STANOVSKY: -- what's related.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So I guess I don't  
17 have enough information about the situation. I was not  
18 the judge that sat on the classification proceeding for  
19 Mr. Stein's company. So as it exists right now, is he  
20 operating in what is essentially Waste Management  
21 service territory but Waste Management is not providing  
22 service there also?

23 MR. STANOVSKY: That seems to be the  
24 substance of the application.

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

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1 MR. STANOVSKY: Yeah.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So it's part of Waste  
3 Management's territory, but Waste Management doesn't  
4 provide service there?

5 MR. STANOVSKY: At -- at least to some of  
6 these particular customers that Mr. Stein's proposing to  
7 serve so --

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

9 MR. STANOVSKY: -- and, you know, Waste  
10 Management's figuring out exactly what that filing's  
11 going to look like. We don't have the details yet.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. But Waste Management  
13 is proposing to start providing service to these  
14 customers that they are not currently --

15 MR. STANOVSKY: Yes.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: -- providing service to?  
17 Okay.

18 MR. KENEFICK: Your Honor, if I could just  
19 clarify that. This is Andrew Kenefick on the bridge  
20 line.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.

22 MR. KENEFICK: I think to be more precise,  
23 it's not that we are not providing service to these  
24 customers, it's that we provide service to all the  
25 customers, but Mr. Stein has -- has customers request a



1 service that is not typically included in -- in the  
2 tariff, and therefore, some of those customers would be  
3 using his services, but were using his services as part  
4 of the classification proceeding and may -- I don't know  
5 for sure, but may still be using his services because  
6 Waste Management does not provide the sort of very  
7 specific service that he is providing.

8           So I want just to make it clear, it's not  
9 that we don't provide service in these areas, it's just  
10 that there's a particular service that he is providing  
11 or seeking to provide that we currently do not offer but  
12 we will be offering.

13           JUDGE PEARSON: Gotcha, okay.

14           MR. STANOVSKY: Thank you, Andrew.

15           JUDGE PEARSON: That makes sense, okay.

16           And so you just wanted to note that that  
17 will be happening?

18           MR. STANOVSKY: Well, yes, and I think  
19 that -- that that is likely a dispositive issue but that  
20 it will turn in some degree on this other filing that  
21 Waste Management will be making outside of the current  
22 proceeding.

23           JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So did you have a  
24 specific question about that or --

25           MR. STANOVSKY: Just -- I suppose not.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: -- just wanted to make it  
2 clear?

3 MR. STANOVSKY: Yeah.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

5 MR. STANOVSKY: Just in terms of what's  
6 going to come up at -- at -- you know, at issue in this  
7 docket and particularly because it relates to another  
8 filing outside the docket.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right. Anything  
10 else?

11 MR. FUKANO: None from Staff.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

13 MR. STEIN: I'm very happy to hear Waste  
14 Management will be expanding on their service. There's  
15 a real need out there. I've seen it firsthand. I deal  
16 with these problems, so very pleased to hear that.

17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right. Well, if  
18 there is nothing else, then we are adjourned. Thank you  
19 all.

20 (Adjourned at 1:49 p.m.)

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