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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Responses due by Wednesday, February 23, 2011)

RE: *In re Petition of Mason County Garbage Co., et al.*, Dockets TG-101542,
TG-101545 & TG-101548 (*consolidated*)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission issues the following bench requests to all parties:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

For each year since enactment of RCW 81.77.185, please provide the following information for each company that is a party to this docket:

- a. The provisions of the company's recyclable commodity revenue sharing plan that authorized the company to retain any portion of the company's revenues from recycling;
- b. The amount of revenues from recycling the company retained as a percentage of the revenues that were not passed on to residential customers; and
- c. The recycling participation rate and any other data reflecting the scope and scale of recycling and the extent to which recycling has increased in the territory the company serves since enactment of RCW 81.77.185.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 2:

For each company that is a party to this docket, please describe how the company spent the revenues the company received from recycling that were not passed on to residential customers. Please identify the extent to which those expenditures or the equipment, infrastructure, or facilities purchased with those revenues are included in the company's rate base or otherwise reflected in the company's tariff rates other than in the commodity credits.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 3:

Please provide any empirical evidence that (a) permitting a company to retain some portion of the revenues it receives from recycling will increase or have no significant impact on recycling within the company's service territory; and (b) precluding a company from retaining some portion of the revenues it receives from recycling will reduce or have no significant impact on recycling within the company's service territory.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than **Wednesday, February 23, 2011**, with an original and five (5) copies.

If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Gregory J. Kopta, Administrative Law Judge, at 360-664-1355, or via e-mail at gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge