

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Implementation of a) DOCKET NO. TG-040157
Revised Annual Report Form for)
Class A and B Solid Waste Collection) ORDER NO. 01
Companies)
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) ORDER ADOPTING REPORTING
) FORM
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BACKGROUND

- 1 The existing Commission Solid Waste Annual Report forms for Class A (\$5,000,000 and more annual regulated revenue) and Class B (less than \$5,000,000 revenue) solid waste carriers have not been revised since 1993. Staff began work reviewing the forms in late 2002 and early 2003, and the Staff Investigation in Docket TG-040157 began on February 5, 2004.

- 2 A preliminary draft of a proposed new combined Class A & B Solid Waste Annual Report was distributed to key industry representatives prior to a meeting held in Olympia on February 24, 2004. Based on those discussions, additional revisions were made and revised reports were distributed on February 27, 2004. Since then, additional statutorily-required questions regarding costs of accidents, number of shareholders, and a schedule classifying employees and their compensation has been added (currently included in the existing annual reports.)

- 3 The latest draft generally eliminates non-essential supporting information, and detailed allocations between regulated and non-regulated operations, and further allocations between specific regulated programs (e.g. garbage, recycling, yardwaste, etc.) Such information is either not required, not regulated, not supplied, or is unreliable in this context. Certain new schedules ask for limited information regarding city contract operations and regulated recycle

commodities picked up and sold. The proposed combined Class A & B Solid Waste Annual Report is 16 pages long; the existing Class A report is 46 pages, and the existing Class B report is 21 pages.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.77 RCW.*
- 5 (2) Solid waste companies are public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under RCW 81.04.080 and WAC 480-70-071 requiring solid waste companies to file an annual report in such form as the Commission may require by May 1st of each year.
- 6 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 12, 2004.
- 7 (4) After considering all relevant matters, the Commission finds that the attached combined Class A & B Solid Waste Annual Report represents a fair balance between information the carriers have and information the Commission needs to carry out its responsibilities.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The attached Class A & B Solid Waste Annual Report is appropriate for use by Class A and B Solid Waste carriers, and that it should be adopted

for calendar year 2003 reporting purposes due May 1, 2004, and subsequent years.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of March, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner