

Agenda Date: Not applicable  
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**Docket:** TL-090812  
Company Name: US Ecology Washington, Inc.

Staff: David Gomez, Deputy Assistant Director

**Discussion:**

US Ecology Washington, Inc. (US Ecology or company) is a low-level radioactive waste site operating company as defined in RCW 81.04.010 (4). As required by WAC 480-92-055 (3), the company is to file with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or commission) a report on its affiliated interest and subsidiary transactions. On May 26, 2009, the company filed with the commission its affiliated interest and subsidiary transactions report.

**Scope of Staff Investigation:**

Staff will examine the filing in UTC Docket TL-090812 and determine if the information provided by the company meets the requirements of WAC 480-92-055 (3).

**Requirements set forth in WAC 480-92-055 (3) (a) and (b):**

WAC 480-92-055 requires regulated low-level radioactive waste site operating companies to provide the commission with the following information relating to transactions between them and their affiliate(s):

| <i>Requirement</i>  | <i>Staff opinion</i>                 |
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| Corporate organization chart of the company and its affiliated interests and subsidiaries (WAC 480-92-055 (3) (a)). | US Ecology has met this requirement. |

In the materials filed by the company in TL-090812, US Ecology states, “The services provided by American Ecology Corporation to US Ecology Washington, Inc. consist of accounting, legal and management services.” The filing also states, “No costs are allocated or charged for the services American Ecology Corporation provides to US Ecology Washington, Inc.” The filing also contains a balance sheet and income statement for the year 2008 for both US Ecology and the affiliate; American Ecology Corporation. The consolidated income statement and balance sheet for both US Ecology and American Ecology Corporation does not contain any amounts for intercompany transactions. Therefore, it is staff’s opinion that since the total transactions with American Ecology Corporation is less than one hundred thousand dollars for the reporting period, the company is only required to provide the name of the affiliated interest or subsidiary participating in the transactions and the total dollar amounts of the transactions (in this case zero dollars). Regardless, the company has provided for the year 2008 the information required by rule in WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (i) through (vii).

| <b><i>Requirement</i></b>   | <b><i>Staff opinion</i></b>          |
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| Balance sheet and income statement for such affiliated interest ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (i)).  | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| Description of the products or services provided to or from the company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (ii)).   | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| Description of the pricing basis or costing method, and procedures for allocating costs for such products or services, and the amount and accounts charged during the year ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (iii)).                               | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| Description of the terms of any loans between the company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary and a listing of the year-end loan amounts and maximum loan amounts outstanding during the year ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (iv)). | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| Description of the terms and total amount of any obligation or liability assumed by the company for each such affiliated interest or subsidiary ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (v)).  | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| Description of the activities of each such affiliated interest or subsidiary with which the company has transactions ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (vi)).  | US Ecology has met this requirement. |
| A list of all common officers and directors between the solid waste company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary, along with their titles in each organization ((WAC 480-92-055 (3) (b) (vii)).                                | US Ecology has met this requirement. |

**Conclusion**

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Take no action on this filing at this time.