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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ISSUES

RE: Recycling Revenue Sharing, Docket TG-112162

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On December 20, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Workshop and Notice of Recessed Open Meeting for January 9, 2012, notifying interested persons that the Commission will conduct a recessed open meeting in the form of a workshop on recycling revenue sharing programs operated by regulated solid waste collection companies.

Persons participating in the workshop should be prepared to discuss the following issues:

I. Recycling Revenue Sharing Plans

- A. What is the meaning of “increase recycling” under RCW 81.77.185?
- B. What are permissible expenditures under revenue sharing plans?
 - 1. What types of expenditures should be included in base rates rather than funded with retained revenues?
 - 2. What types and amounts of performance incentives are acceptable?
 - 3. Is a general return on plan expenditures permissible, and if so, under what circumstances and at what levels?

II. Process Issues

- A. What is the role of the Counties under RCW 81.77.185?
- B. What is the role of Staff in development and County review of plans?
- C. When and what must companies file with the Commission, including but not limited to time frames needed for review of filings?
- D. How does a company make the requisite demonstration of how revenues will be used to increase recycling?

III. Next Steps

- A. Rulemaking, Interpretive and Policy Statement, and/or Adjudications
- B. Opportunities to provide additional comments

Workshop participants may raise additional issues for discussion to the extent that time allows. If you have questions regarding the workshop, you may contact David Gomez, by email at dgomez@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1240.

Sincerely,

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