**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Petition of  STERICYLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.,  Petitioner,  Seeking Exemption from the provisions of WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )  ) ) | DOCKET TG-150579  ORDER 01  ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT |

**BACKGROUND**

1. On April 7, 2015, Stericyle of Washington, Inc.(Stericyle or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2014 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. According to Stericyle, it is unable to prepare the report due to a change in accounting personnel at the Company. This change necessitates additional time to gather the needed documents, reports and analysis for a complete and accurate report. Stericyle seeks an extension until June 15, 2015.
2. Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Stericyle’s request for exemption, subject to the following conditions: That the Company remit its annual regulatory fee to the Commission no later than May 1, 2015, and that the Company file the annual report no later than June 15, 2015.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.
2. (2) Stericyle is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
3. (3) Stericyle is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
4. (4) Under WAC 480-70-071 (1)(c), the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
5. (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2015.
6. (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-150579 by Stericyle on April 7, 2015, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

1. (1) The request by Stericyle of Washington, Inc. for an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 and for an extension until June 15, 2015, to file its 2014 annual report is granted.
2. (2) Failure by Stericyle of Washington, Inc. to file its 2014 annual report by June 15, 2015, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 81.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rule, and Commission orders.
3. (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Stericyle of Washington, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 30, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary