**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| In the Matter of the Petition of  FREEDOM 2000, LLC d/b/a CANDO RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL,  Petitioner,  Seeking Exemption from the provisions of WAC 480-70-071 Relating to Filing of Annual Reports by Solid Waste Companies |  | DOCKET TG-170273  ORDER 01  ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT |

**BACKGROUND**

1. On April 17, 2017, Freedom 2000, LLC d/b/a Cando Recycling and Disposal(Freedom 2000 or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2016 annual report as required by WAC 480-70-071. Freedom 2000 mailed its regulatory fee prior to the May 1 due date. According to Freedom 2000, it requires additional time to prepare the annual report in compliance with Commission guidelines. Freedom 2000 seeks an extension until September 1, 2017.
2. Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting Freedom 2000’s request for exemption subject to the condition that Freedom 2000 files its annual report no later than September 1, 2017.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. (1) The 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.
2. (2) Freedom 2000 is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
3. (3) Freedom 2000 is subject to WAC 480-70-076(2), which requires solid waste companies to pay regulatory fees by May 1 of each year. Freedom 2000 mailed its payment for its regulatory fees prior to May 1, 2017.
4. (4) Freedom 2000 is subject to WAC 480-70-071, which requires solid waste companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
5. (5) 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.
6. (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2017.
7. (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-170273 by Freedom 2000 on April 17, 2017, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

1. (1) The request by Freedom 2000, LLC d/b/a Cando Recycling and Disposal for an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 and for an extension until September 1, 2017, to file its 2016 annual report is granted.
2. (2) If Freedom 2000, LLC d/b/a Cando Recycling and Disposal fails to file its 2016 annual report by September 1, 2017, the Commission will assess penalties pursuant to RCW 81.04.405.
3. (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Freedom 2000, LLC d/b/a Cando Recycling and Disposal 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 28, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary