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David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**Re: *WUTC v. Waste Management of Washington, Inc.
TG 111813 et al. (Consolidated)***

Dear Secretary Danner:

This letter is to transmit a joint request by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. and Commission Staff for suspension of procedural schedule in this proceeding to October 1, 2012.

The next deadline in the procedural schedule is for simultaneous briefs addressing outstanding legal issues, which are currently due on August 24, 2012. However, we are pleased to report that Waste Management and Commission Staff have agreed upon a complete and total settlement of the matters involved in this proceeding. Thus, in our view it is highly unlikely that any further briefing on substantive legal issues will be necessary. We therefore request that the procedural schedule be suspended to afford additional time for preparing settlement documents to present to the Commission. We intend to file the settlement agreement and accompanying narrative before the end of August. We believe that a suspension to October 1, 2012, will provide sufficient time to allow for preparation of the documents and review by the Commission well before the next requested effective date of the recycling commodity credits implicated by this proceeding.

We appreciate consideration of this request by Judge Kopta.

Sincerely,

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