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September 7, 2016

NOTICE RESCHEDULING SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Now set for October 19, 2016, at 10 a.m.)

RE: In the Matter of the Application of EcoMed Services, LLC for Authority to Operate as a Solid Waste Collection Company in Washington or Alternatively for Exemptions from Commission Rules Governing Regulated Collection of Medical Waste
Docket TG-152373

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 18, 2015, EcoMed Services, LLC (EcoMed or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for authority to operate as a solid waste collection company (Application). On April 11, 2016, EcoMed filed with the Commission a petition for exemption from Commission rules sufficient to enable EcoMed to transport medical waste solely for Multicare Health System (MHS) either without a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission or with a limited certificate.

On June 17 and June 20, 2016, respectively, Stericycle of Washington, Inc. and Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a WM Healthcare Solutions of Washington filed with the Commission a Protest to Application for Permanent Solid Waste Collection Authority and Response to Petition for Waiver of Regulation.

On June 29, 2016, the Commission convened a prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson to determine the scope of the issues in this docket and to adopt a procedural schedule. During the prehearing conference, the parties agreed that the procedural schedule should be held in abeyance pending EcoMed's decision to file a petition for a declaratory order seeking a ruling from the Commission that its operations are not subject to Commission regulation. The parties agreed that EcoMed should file any such petition no later than September 2, 2016.

On July 5, 2016, the Commission issued Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Second Prehearing Conference, set for September 9, 2016, at 10 a.m.

On September 2, 2016, EcoMed contacted the Commission and requested to reschedule the second prehearing conference to October 20, 2016, or any date the week of October 17. In its request, EcoMed explained that it would like additional time to continue working with MHS to evaluate its Application and proposed service.

The parties agreed to reschedule the second prehearing conference to the morning of October 19. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to reschedule the second prehearing conference to **October 19, 2016, at 10 a.m.** to allow MHS adequate time to complete its assessment of EcoMed's Application and proposed service.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the second prehearing conference in Docket TG-152373 is rescheduled to Wednesday, October 19, 2016, beginning at 10 a.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge