BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

WESTSIDE WASTE, LLC,

For Authority to Operate as a Solid Waste Collection Company in Washington DOCKET TG-190653

ORDER 02

GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION; CANCELLING EVIDENTIARY HEARING; AND CLOSING DOCKET

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 5, 2019, Westside Waste, LLC, (Westside Waste or Applicant) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for authority to operate as a solid waste collection company in Washington (Application).
- On January 24, 2020, Rabanco LTD/Republic and Rubatino Refuse Removal, Inc., filed protests to the Application. On January 28, 2020, Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management North Sound and Waste Management Marysville, also filed a protest. On April 7, 2020, Washington Refuse and Recycling Association filed a petition to intervene.
- The Commission convened a telephonic prehearing conference on April 13, 2020, before Administrative Law Judge Michael Howard. On April 14, 2020, the Commission entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, set for July 24, 2020.
- 4 On May 5, 2020, Westside Waste filed a Motion to Withdraw Application. Westside Waste states that, following settlement discussions, it "has come to believe that proceeding with this application (or an application for more limited authority) would be very costly and, likely, futile." Westside Waste thus requests to withdraw its Application.
- 5 The Company's withdrawal of its Application eliminates the underlying dispute in this docket. Accordingly, the Commission finds goods cause to grant Westside Waste's motion. The Application is deemed withdrawn and Docket TG-190563 should be closed.

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS

- 7 (1) Westside Waste, LLC's motion to withdraw its Application in Docket TG-190653 is granted without prejudice, and the Application is deemed withdrawn.
- 8 (2) The evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 24, 2020, is cancelled.
- 9 (3) Docket TG-190653 is closed.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective May 6, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

<u>/s/ Michael S. Howard</u> MICHAEL HOWARD Administrative Law Judge