MEMORANDUM

February 21, 2003

TO:

Gene Eckhardt, Regulatory Services

Assistant Director, Transportation and Water Section

FROM:

Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst

SUBJECT:

Application: GA-79124 Docket TG-021715

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On December 26, 2002, Mr. William D. Hearn, d/b/a Bingen Garbage Service, filed Application GA-79124 in Docket TG-021715 for extension of authority to remove restrictive language contained in Solid Waste Collection Certificate No. G-51 that limited the disposal of waste collected to specific named disposal sites in Skamania County. The application appeared on the Commission's January 6, 2003, application docket. No one filed a protest, petition to intervene, or application for overlapping authority during the docket and protest period.

Under the provisions of RCW 81.77.040, the Commission may grant an application with or without hearing when there is no existing certificate holder authorized to provide solid waste collection service in the territory requested.

The applicant in this case is not requesting authority to expand solid waste collection service into an area already served by another certificate holder. The effect of this application is only to remove restrictive language that currently requires the applicant to dispose of the waste it collects at disposal sites that no longer exist.

The applicant has no outstanding penalties, fines, administrative, or compliance actions pending before the commission. Applicant does have a petition for approval of mortgage pending under Docket No. TC-021299. Once this application has been resolved the mortgage application may proceed.

Staff has received no information indicating this application should be set for hearing. Therefore, I recommend this application be granted without hearing and referred to staff for processing.

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NOTES TO STAFF:

A copy of the final order granting authority and a copy of the certificate is required to update the tariff records.

GIS staff will prepare a map of the certificate authority. The effective date of the map should coincide with effective date of the order granting authority.

Please forward a copy of the order granting this application to Bob Colbo so he can proceed with the petition for mortgage in Docket No. TG-021299.