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March 30, 2004

Ms. Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

Re:

Application of Rubatino Refuse Removal, Inc.

GA-79266/TG-040553

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing is an original and three copies of Protest of Stericycle of Washington, Inc.to Application for Permanent Solid Waste Collection Authority.

Sincerely,

GARVEY SCHUBERT BARER

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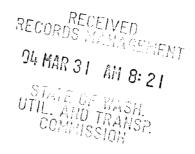
Enclosures

cc:

James K. Sells

Stericycle of Washington, Inc.

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In Re Application of

RUBATINO REFUSE REMOVAL, INC. 2812 Hoyt Avenue P.O. Box 1029 Everett, WA 98206-1029

No. GA-079266

PROTEST OF STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC. TO APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AUTHORITY

STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC. ("Stericycle"), WUTC Certificate No. G-244, 20320 80th Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032, by and through its attorneys Stephen B. Johnson, Charles L. Cottrell and Garvey Schubert Barer, 1191 Second Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 464-3939, hereby protests the above entitled application for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a solid waste collection company filed with the Commission on March 22, 2004, by Rubatino Refuse Removal, Inc. ("Applicant") in which the Applicant seeks an extension of Certificate No. G-58 to permit Applicant to provide "solid waste collection service consisting of biomedical waste in Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish Counties" (Application No. TG-040553, hereinafter the "Application").

This protest is submitted on the following grounds:

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I. <u>PROTESTANT'S INTEREST</u>

Stericycle is the holder of WUTC Certificate No. G-244, a true copy of which attached hereto as Exhibit A. Under Certificate No. G-244, Stericycle holds authority to collect and transport biomedical waste throughout the state of Washington. As a holder of authority to collect and transport biomedical waste in the territory in which Applicant seeks authority to operate, Stericycle has a direct interest in this proceeding adverse to that of Applicant.

Stericycle is fit, willing and able to provide biomedical waste collection and transportation services in the territory subject to Application No. TG-040553 (GA-079266) and has provided biomedical waste collection and disposal services within that territory to the satisfaction of the Commission at all times relevant to the Application.

II. BASIS FOR PROTEST

A. Fitness of the Applicant.

Stericycle alleges that the Applicant has not and cannot demonstrate its fitness to conduct the proposed biomedical waste collection and transportation services. Applicant has not and cannot demonstrate that it is fit, willing and able to provide services to the satisfaction of the Commission in the territory that is the subject of the Application.

B. Public Need.

Stericycle alleges that Applicant has not and cannot demonstrate that there is a public need for Applicant's proposed services in the territory subject to this Application.

Additionally, Applicant cannot demonstrate that existing carriers with authority have failed to provide service to the satisfaction of the Commission in the territory subject to the Application.

C. Impact on Existing Carriers.

Stericycle is fit, willing and able to provide biomedical waste collection and transportation services to the satisfaction of the Commission to all biomedical waste generators within the territory subject to the Application. Stericycle and its affiliates have invested millions of dollars in developing the capacity to serve biomedical waste generators in the

territory subject to the Application and throughout the state of Washington. The granting of additional overlapping authority would harm Stericycle and its ability to provide biomedical waste collection and transportation services to biomedical waste generators in the subject territory and in other parts of the state of Washington and would therefore be detrimental to the public interest.

D. Public convenience and necessity.

Stericycle alleges that the Applicant has not and cannot demonstrate that granting its application is warranted by the public convenience and necessity. Granting of the Application would in fact be contrary to the public interest and is not required by present or future public convenience or necessity.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Stericycle has a direct interest in this proceeding which can only be represented through its active participation in the development of the record and all proceedings related to the disposition of the docketed Application. Stericycle is unaware of any restrictive amendment that would fully satisfy its interests herein and therefore asks that the Application be denied in its entirety. Stericycle certifies that it will appear at any hearing on this matter and intends to present evidence through up to ten (10) witnesses, requiring an estimated hearing time of approximately 7 hours.

Protestant Stericycle of Washington, Inc. prays that its right to participate in all Commission proceedings on the Application be fully affirmed and that the Application be denied in its entirety.

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DATED this 30 day of March, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

GARVEY SCHUBERT BARER

By

Stephen B. Johnson, WSBA #6196 Charles L. Cottrell, WSBA #31984 Attorneys for Protestant Stericycle of Washington, Inc.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

For the Operation of Motor Propelled Vehicles

parsing to the provisions of Chapter 21 RCW

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that authority is granted to operate as a MOTOR CARRIER in the transportation of the commodities and in the territory described herein to

STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.

258 SW 43RD STREET SUITE M-B

G-244

RENTON, WASHINGTON 98055

CORRECTED

Solid Waste consisting of biohazardous or biomedical wastes in the state of Washington.

Solid Waste from the facilities of Stericycle, Inc., for disposition of the commission of t





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3	Washington that, on March 30, 2004, I caused to be served on the person listed below in the			
4	manner shown:			
5	Protest of Stericycle of Washington, Inc. to Application for Permanent Solid Waste Collection Authority			
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8		Everett, WA 98206-1029	Silverdale, WA 98383 Attorney for Applicant	
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