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Subject: Pierce County Comment on Docket Number TG-090096

Mr. Gomez:

The Pierce County Department of Public Works and Utilities has reviewed the performance of Harold LeMay Enterprises dba Pierce County Refuse ("company") under the recycling plan developed for Pierce County's Single-Cart Recycling Program. Specifically, the County reviewed whether the company is entitled to the full 30 percent revenue sharing provided for in the plan and authorized by RCW 81.77.185.

The company complied to the satisfaction of the County. I have attached a copy of the Revenue Sharing Plan and a spreadsheet documenting the company's performance.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance. My phone number is (253) 798-4656 and e-mail is steve.wamback@co.pierce.wa.us.

Respectfully,

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## APPROVED REVENUE SHARING PLAN FOR PIERCE COUNTY REFUSE

The following documents the basis through which Harold LeMay Enterprises dba Pierce County Refuse may retain up to 30% of recycling commodity revenue:

- 1. 10% of the commodity revenue will be retained by the company for implementing the single stream recycling program
  - a. Working with the County on development of a coordinated public outreach program.
  - b. Establishing and meeting the implementation schedule with a smooth transition.
  - c. Meeting the customer service requirements of Pierce County Code Chapter 8.29. This will include:
    - i. The 95 gallon and 65 gallon carts together with a program for special collection issues.
    - ii. An after hours hot line.
    - iii. Expanded drop off glass collection.
    - iv. Expanded Customer Service Department and
    - v. Customer pick up schedule together with other route specific information.
- 2. 8% of the commodity revenue will be for meeting or exceeding data monitoring and reporting requirements.
  - a. The company will be installing on board computer systems in the trucks which will provide collection information for set outs on a collection route basis. This information will help identify those customers who have stopped or slowed in their recycling efforts.
  - b. All information will be provided through the Excel spreadsheet.
  - c. Baseline data will be provided for the previous four years for amounts of recyclables and per customer pounds disposed of as refuse.
  - d. The company will also keep records by route of commodity collection levels and the percent of non recyclable materials found.
  - e. Residential glass collection container data will be based on tonnage of material site specific and in total.
  - f. Residential glass collection containers will be located at fire stations, LRI sites and at our own manned drop off site. The sites will be checked both by refuse trucks and recycle trucks to keep them free from unwanted materials being placed around them. The host of the site may call if necessary otherwise the site with be on a regular schedule to be emptied. We will keep tonnage reports that will be site specific.
  - g. The County will also be given annually a list of alternative collection containers (8.29.080 3 B) together with a review of other issues on an annual basis.

- h. There will also be a tracking system put in place that follows customer changes in service level.
- 3. 12% of the commodity revenue will be retained by the company for achieving and demonstrating a recycling increase of 25% per household pounds per month. In order to determine increases, we will use 2004 as a base line.
  - a. The company will provide the County with an Excel spreadsheet with current levels of materials recycled by commodity and the level as compared to 2004. In order to determine the size of increase in recycling, the average pounds per customer currently being collected on a monthly basis will be compared with the average pounds per customer collected in 2004 on a monthly basis.
  - b. 3% of the 12% of the commodity revenues will be retained by the company for demonstrating an increase in paper fiber. The County will receive on a quarterly basis a breakdown of the paper recyclables through this County program using an Excel spreadsheet. The amount will be compared with the corresponding quarters in 2004 to determine that an increase in paper fiber has occurred.
  - c. 4% of the 12% of the commodity revenues will be retained by the company for demonstrating an increase in total recycling. Each quarter, the County will received on an Excel spreadsheet a breakdown of all commodities recycled including glass. This will be compared with a similar breakdown of all commodities recycled in the corresponding quarter in 2004 and the average recycled in 2004.
  - d. 5% of the 12 % of the commodity will be retained by the company for showing a decrease in the pounds per month of disposal. The average customer disposal rate in each quarter of the new system will be compared with the average customer disposal rate for the corresponding quarter in 2004 and with the average disposal rate in 2004. The goal is that each year of the program will show a reduction in the amount of refuse disposed of by the average customer as compared to the average customer in 2004.

## Pierce County Refuse - Commodity Revenue Sharing Analysis

Criteria	Topic	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
and the	Implementation	10%	
2	Data Monitoring	The state of the s	4.00
3	Performance Increase	8%	
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		30%	30%

Criteria	Topic	Status	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
1a	Public Outreach	Developed and Maintained	10%	10%
1b	Schedule	On Time		
1ci	Carts & Special Collection	In Compliance		
1cii	Hot Line	Complied		
1ciii	Glass Drop Off	In Compliance		
1civ	Customer Service	Complied		
1cv	Schedule	In Compliance		

Criteria	Topic	Status	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
2a	On-board computers	In Compliance	Ligible	Approved
2b	Excel Spreadsheets	In Compliance	ance ance ance ance 8%	8%
2c	Baseline Date	In Compliance		
2d	Commodity and Contaminants	In Compliance		
2e	Glass Collection	In Compliance		
2f	Glass Collection	In Compliance		
2g	Alternative Collection Containers	Provided		
2h	Tracking System	In Compliance		

Criteria	Topic	Status	Percent Eligible	Percent Approved
3a	Data comparison to 2004	In Compliance	N/A	N/A
3b	Increase in Paper Fiber	66% <i>per capita</i> increase since 2004	3%	3%
3c	Increase in Total Recycling	76% per capita increase since 2004	4%	4%
3d	Decrease in Disposal	12% per capita decrease since 2004	5%	5%