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David W. Danner, Director and Executive Secretary Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Attention: Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Revenue Sharing Agreement between Waste Management and Snohomish County

Dear Mr. Danner:

The purpose of this letter is to convey Snohomish County's support for extending Waste Management's Recycling and Revenue Sharing Plan for the period of September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. Snohomish County recommends that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) allow Waste Management to retain the maximum fifty percent of revenues allowed by statute.

Over the last year, WM has closely coordinated with Snohomish County Solid Waste on the activities outlined in the previous addendum. While a challenging time due to the economy and markets, significant efforts were undertaken as outlined in the agreement and WM has done a good job. WM will be providing you a packet of documents and samples of some of the activities undertaken. Several activities were not fully implemented, such as advising our station staff on loads rich in recyclables. We did not proceed with these activities by mutual agreement.

Waste Management has prepared an amendment to their revenue sharing plan based upon input from Snohomish County. Snohomish County recommends that WUTC approve this amendment, which extends revenue sharing at the 50 % level until August 31, 2011. If Waste Management does not meet its reporting requirements, the amendment calls for a reduction in the revenue share retained by Waste Management to 15%. If Waste Management does not meet other conditions in the amended Plan, Snohomish County may later request that the WUTC consider requiring that some revenues be returned to customers.

In my position as the Solid Waste Division Director, I have been delegated the authority to make the certification of revenue sharing plan as required in RCW 81.77.185 statute. I hereby certify that the plan submitted to you by Waste Management is consistent with our local solid waste plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of certification and recommendation for the extension of Waste Management's recycling plan. If you have any questions, please contact Sego Jackson, Principal Planner, at 425-388-6490, or sego.jackson@co.snohomish.wa.us.

Sincerely

Solid Waste Division Director

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