

DISCUSSION

5 The Commission has discretion to grant exemptions to provisions of any rule in WAC
480-07, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and
applicable statutes. The timing required by WAC 480-07-900(5)(b) is usually necessary
to allow the Commission sufficient time before the open meeting to examine company
submissions for accuracy and sufficiency and for Staff to formulate its recommendation.
In this instance, Staff has concluded that the filing is sufficient, and it was not prejudiced
by the shortened review period. Further, the requested tariff revision is necessary for the
Company to provide a requested service to Sun Mountain that the Company has
purchased and installed, and is prepared to provide. Additional delay would be
detrimental to both the Company and Sun Mountain. We therefore agree with Staff that
the requested exemption should be granted and that Methow's filing can be considered at
the open meeting today, June 29, 2023.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and
affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 7 (2) Methow is engaged in the business of providing solid waste services within the
state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) Methow is subject to WAC 480-07-900(5)(b), which requires solid waste
companies to request less than statutory notice seven business days prior to the
next open meeting, in order for it to be heard at that meeting.
- 9 (4) Methow filed a request for less than statutory notice less than seven business days
before the next regularly scheduled open meeting.
- 10 (5) Under WAC 480-07-110, the Commission may grant an exemption from the
provisions of any rule in WAC 480-07, if consistent with the public interest, the
purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 11 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
June 29, 2023.

- 12 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-230506 by Methow on June 23, 2023, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Upon the effective date of this Order, Methow Valley Sanitation Service, Inc. d/b/a WasteWise Methow is granted an exemption from WAC 480-07-900(5)(b), for the purpose of allowing the Company's revised tariff filed on June 23, 2023, offering a new service to Sun Mountain Ranch Club, to be considered at the June 29, 2023, open meeting.
- 14 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Methow Valley Sanitation Service, Inc. d/b/a WasteWise Methow to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 15 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective June 29, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary