

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

ECOMED SERVICES, LLC

For Authority to Operate as a Solid
Waste Collection Company in
Washington or Alternatively for
Exemptions from Commission Rules
Governing Regulated Collection of
Medical Waste

DOCKET TG-152373

ORDER 02

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW;
CANCELLING SECOND
PREHEARING CONFERENCE;
CLOSING DOCKET

BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 18, 2015, EcoMed Services, LLC (EcoMed or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for authority to operate as a solid waste collection company (Application).¹ Stericycle of Washington, Inc. and Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a WM Healthcare Solutions of Washington protested the Application.
- 2 On June 29, 2016, the Commission convened a prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson. On July 5, 2016, the Commission issued Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Second Prehearing Conference, set for September 9, 2016, at 10 a.m. At the Company's request, the second prehearing conference was rescheduled to October 19, 2016, at 10 a.m.
- 3 On October 17, 2016, EcoMed filed a letter with the Commission stating its desire to withdraw its Application. Because this matter is an adjudicative proceeding, the Commission construes the Company's letter as a petition for leave to withdraw its Application.²

¹ On April 11, 2016, EcoMed filed with the Commission a petition (Petition) for exemption from Commission rules sufficient to enable EcoMed to transport medical waste solely for Multicare Health System either without a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission or with a limited certificate. The Company's Petition was denied at the first prehearing conference on June 29, 2016.

² The Commission liberally construes filings to effect just results. WAC 480-07-395(4).

4 The Company's withdrawal of its Application eliminates the underlying dispute in this docket. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to grant EcoMed's request. The Application should be deemed withdrawn and Docket TG-152373 should be closed.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 5 (1) EcoMed Services, LLC's petition for leave to withdraw is granted and the Application is deemed withdrawn.
- 6 (2) The second prehearing conference scheduled to convene on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, is cancelled.
- 7 (3) Docket TG-152373 is closed.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 18, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge