

December 22, 2000

Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Re: Docket No. GA 078938
Solid Waste Application TG-001786 Grandero Management Inc.**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This letter is to register Clark County's opposition to the Grandero Management Inc. application for a solid waste certificate for authority for solid waste compacting service between Willow Creek Apartments and Cougar Creek Apartments in unincorporated Clark County, Washington. We request that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission deny the application on the grounds that the certificate is unnecessary and conflicts with the existing authority in that same area.

Clark County has adopted a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to state law. The subject application would, if granted, be contrary to that plan. It appears also that the applicant has operated illegally, i.e., without authority from the WUTC. Clark County has an interest in ensuring that only properly certificated solid waste haulers operate within its boundaries. The current certificated hauler for this area (Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., operating under the WUTC Permit No. G-253) provides satisfactory service. Because there is no apparent public convenience and necessity, as mandated by RCW 81.77.040, we believe there is no need for an additional certificate in this area.

Please call me at 360-397-6118, extension 4830 if you have questions about this letter. I look forward to hearing of the ongoing status of this application.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kiwala
Clark County Solid Waste Program Manager

cc: Brian Carlson, Environmental Services Manager