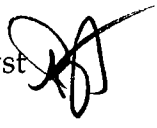



MEMORANDUM

August 26, 2003

TO: Gene Eckhardt, Regulatory Services Assistant Director,
Transportation and Water Section

FROM: Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst 

SUBJECT: Application: GA-79172 Docket TG-030766

I agree


Applicant Transferee: Couse's Sanitation & Recycle, Inc. G-169
22 Smith Drive
Republic, WA 99166

Applicant Transferor: Robert Pellegrini G-21
d/b/a Upper Valley/Okanogan Disposal
32707 Highway 27
Oroville, WA 98844

As a result of the Commission's GIS mapping project, Couse's Sanitation & Recycle, Inc., (G-169) found that it had been providing solid waste collection services since 1972 in a portion of Okanogan County that is not authorized by its certificate. Robert Pellegrini, d/b/a Upper Valley/Okanogan Disposal, (G-21), holds the authority, but has not provided service in the area and believes it would not be cost effective for those affected customers, or his company, to do so.

Robert Pellegrini and Couse's Sanitation & Recycle, Inc., filed joint Application No. GA-79172 for transfer of authority to provide solid waste collection services in the affected portion of Okanogan County.

The application appeared on the July 7, 2003, application docket. No one filed a protest, intervention, or application for overlapping authority during the docket and protest period.

Under the provisions of RCW 81.77.040, the Commission may grant an application with or without hearing when there is no existing certificate holder authorized to provide solid waste collection service in the territory requested. Further, any certificate may be sold, assigned, leased, transferred, or inherited as property, but only on authorization by the Commission.

This is an uncontested application for transfer of a portion of authority. The applicant in this filing has no outstanding penalties, fines, administrative, or compliance actions pending before the commission. Staff has received no other information indicating this application should be set for hearing.

I recommend this application be granted without hearing and referred to staff for processing.

NOTES TO STAFF:

The GIS staff has prepared text to revise and restate the authority in these certificates.

GIS staff will also prepare maps of both revised certificates. The effective date of the maps should coincide with effective date of the order granting the transfer.

Couse's Sanitation will continue to serve the territory under its existing tariff. Tariff staff will need to determine if there are any changes required from either the transferor and the transferee. If changes are required, then staff should coordinate with Tariff staff for mailing of revised tariffs.