

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TG-101784
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STERICYCLE OF WASHINGTON, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
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Asking The Commission To Allow Consolidated Billing For Regulated And Nonregulated Activities Under WAC 480-70-396(6))	ORDER ALLOWING CONSOLIDATED BILLING UNDER WAC 480-70-396(6)
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BACKGROUND

1 On October 29, 2010, Stericycle of Washington, Inc. (Stericycle), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an exemption from WAC 480-70-396(6), Billing, to allow Stericycle to issue a single bill that contains charges for both regulated and nonregulated services provided by Stericycle.

2 WAC 480-70-396(6) requires solid waste companies to seek Commission approval to consolidate billing for both regulated and non-regulated services and:

WAC 480-70-396(6) states: (6) The Commission may allow consolidated billing for regulated and nonregulated activities.

(a) A consolidated billing must:

(i) Disclose nonregulated activity as a separate line item; and

(ii) Include a telephone number where the customer may contact the company providing the nonregulated activity.

(b) If a customer makes partial payment, a company must apply the payment to the regulated solid waste charges first.

(c) A company may not discontinue solid waste service if the customer does not pay for nonregulated services, but has paid in full for regulated solid waste service.

- 3 Stericycle stated that bill consolidation will reduce paperwork for Stericycle and it provides convenience for customers. Stericycle provides both regulated and non-regulated services to approximately 200 of its 6,714 regulated customers in Washington State.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended approving Stericycle's request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation 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. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.*
- 6 (2) Stericycle 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.
- 7 (3) Stericycle is subject to WAC 480-70-396(6), which require solid waste companies to seek Commission approval to consolidate billing for both regulated and non-regulated services.
- 8 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 30, 2010.
- 9 (5) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-101784 by Stericycle on October 29, 2010, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the billing consolidation is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) After the effective date of this Order, the Commission allows Stericycle of Washington, Inc., to issue consolidated bills for regulated and nonregulated services provided by Stericycle of Washington, Inc., under WAC 480-70-396(6).
- 11 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Stericycle of Washington, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 30, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary