



January 27, 2012

David W. Danner, Executive Director  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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SUBJECT: TG-120073: Recycling Commodity Filing by Harold LeMay Enterprises d/b/a  
Pierce County Refuse

Dear Executive Director Danner:

Harold LeMay Enterprises d/b/a Pierce County Refuse (“the Company”) provides garbage collection and residential recycling services in Pierce County under a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission).

On January 13, 2012 the Company filed with the Commission a revised tariff to account for changes in the value of commodities collected through recycling programs, which has been entered as Docket Number TG-120073. Also on January 13, Pierce County submitted to the Commission its review of, and recommendation for closing out, the Company Recycling Plan in effect for March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012.

**Company Recycling Plan 2012 to 2011**

Pierce County and the Company have completed work on a new Company Recycling Plan (“Plan”). The revised Plan meets the requirements of RCW 81.77.185 and reflects the requirements of Pierce County Code Chapter 8.29 – Minimum Levels of Service for Residential Recycling and Yardwaste Collection and the 2008 Supplement to the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Plan proposed for the next year includes two main features:

- An opportunity for the Company to retain up to 29 percent of revenue received from the sale of recyclables to develop, implement, and financially support programs designed to increase the amount of recyclable materials collected, minimize contamination, facilitate participation in programs, and expand (as a pilot) collection of additional recyclable materials which are economically and environmentally recoverable and sustainable
- An opportunity for the Company to retain up to 21 percent of revenue received from the sale of recyclables for accomplishment of specific, County-defined and County-evaluated, performance benchmarks.

With specific reference to RCW 81.77.185, as Solid Waste Administrator, I am the “appropriate local government authority” to make the certification required by RCW 81.77.185 (1); and I hereby certify that the Company Recycling Plan submitted to the Commission is consistent with the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan.



**County Review Throughout the Year**

The new Company Recycling Plan has been signed by company and county representatives and will be reviewed throughout the year. Pierce County will conduct a final evaluation of the Company Recycling Plan in January 2013, report to the Commission on the companies' performance against the plan, and evaluate how much recycling commodity revenue should be retained by the companies, up to the full fifty percent as provided for in RCW 81.77.185. In no case would the company be eligible to retain greater than fifty percent of the commodity revenue; or return less than fifty percent to customers.

Please contact me at (253) 798-4656 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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Solid Waste Administrator

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Enclosures: 2012 – 2013 Company Recycling Plan and Revenue Sharing Analysis Matrix