The following outline provides the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission with the intended actions of Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal should the commission be so gracious as to issue a G certificate for the territory of Point Roberts in Whatcom County Washington.

## **Overview**

The community of Point Roberts, Washington is situated on the southern portion of a peninsula which attaches to Canada at Delta, British Columbia. The only connection with mainland United States is by air, boat or by driving though Canada through 2 international borders.

In February of 2008, the Former G certificate holder, Point Recycling and Refuse discontinued curbside recycling, contrary to their tariff and Whatcom County Code. Despite repeated requests to reinstate this service by appropriate levels of government, they refused. In June of 2009, Points issued notice that it was discontinuing curbside pickup of residential and commercial garbage and relinquishing its certificate # G-155. The commission granted the request to discontinue operations and G-155 was cancelled.

Since July 1, 2009, the community of Point Roberts has had no curbside Garbage collection, either residential or commercial. All residents and businesses in Point Roberts must now self haul the recycling and garbage to a transfer station situated in Point Roberts.

Freedom 2000, LLC had previously filed for a G certificate in order to provide curbside collection of recyclables when Points made it clear that they were not going to conform. This was followed by Points protesting that application.

The application has since been amended and is under Docket TG-081576.

## **Moving Forward**

In addition to information previously provided in the application, the following actions have been taken.

- 1. The company has established itself and registered its DBA with the department of Licensing and is current with its License renewal and Annual Report
- 2. US Dot number 1904955 and MC #MC683907 have been established.
- 3. Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 has been secured through Mutual of Enumclaw.

- 4. A commercial vehicle policy has been established for 1 vehicle so that the Form E filing can be completed with the FMCSA
- 5. UCR application has been submitted to the WUTC
- 6. Common Carrier's Permit application has been completed and submitted to the WUTC along with the insurance binder from Mutual of Enumclaw
- 7. An industry software package has been sourced and reviewed to insure proper reporting and billing for the operation of the company. A computer and other office equipment have also been sourced for the exclusive use of the company.
- 8. A business relationship has been established with a reputable bookkeeping firm in Point Roberts to perform the functions of bi monthly billing and reporting for all levels of government.
- 9. A competent data entry clerk has been contacted to provide inputting services and assisting in establishing a customer list.
- 10. A business relationship has been established with a company to provide hauling services of solid waste between Point Roberts and RDS in Ferndale, Washington.(Lautenbach Industries)
- 11. A commitment has been secured for the use of a proper garbage compacter truck. Additionally, there are two additional commitments from other sources. (Lautenbach Industries; SSC and Point Roberts Marina)
- 12. A recycling trailer has been sourced and upon receipt of a G Certificate fabrication can be completed within 30 days. The manufacturer is situated in Minnesota (Pro-Tainer). If recycling service commences prior to the receipt of the trailer, an improvised trailer will be used.
- 13. A business relationship has been established with a container fabricator in order to fabricate 1 ½ and 2 yard containers for commercial customers as well as larger containers for drop box operations within the transfer station. (Dormel Containers in Delta BC)
- 14. Preliminary discussions with Whatcom County have occurred with respect to the transfer station at Point Roberts.
- 15. 2 Potential employees have been considered and are keen to commence service given the approval of the application.

- 16. Private financing has been secured in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of equipment.
- 17. Freedom 2000LLC's bank account contains \$39,326.90.

Once the certificate has been issued, a phone line will be established with Whidbey Telephone, and a temporary office will be established in order to commence gathering data required to establish a Customer List. There will; be 2 lists, on for Residential curbside service and on for commercial collection. Commercial establishments are more easily determined.

It will be the objective of the company to engage in providing service to the Point Roberts residents as quickly as possible, in any case, operations should commence by the  $30^{th}$  day after the certificate has been confirmed. It is our belief that the absolute worst case scenario would be within 45 days.

Residential customers will be solicited through the use of Point Interface an online service provided by one of Point Roberts residents to get information out to members of this service. In addition, the cable channel 20 on Delta cable service provides a space for advertising on their schedule of events. An advertisement will be taken out on that channel to inform residents of the new phone number for garbage collection services. An advertisement will also be taken out in the local paper, but given that it is monthly, the effectiveness of that advertisement will depend upon when the decision is made and when the paper goes to press.

Once a customer lists have been established and service is being provided, it is our intention determine which residences are currently under exemption as provided by Whatcom County Code 8.11.030. As seasonal vacation or weekend homes are already exempt from universal collection per Whatcom County Code 8.10.040, a comparison of these three categories against the improved property rolls would provide us with a list of potential target customers which could be used to improve the base of operations. It is then our intention, using the list, to solicit new customers, or in the alternative, insure that they have filed properly for an exemption under the County Code.

We will also work with the Point Roberts Marina in an effort to get them back as a customer. They are a large source of recyclables and it would benefit the recycling program in Point Roberts to have them back on board.

As indicated in our application, it is our intent to focus on Point Roberts programs and contract the hauling of solid waste to Whatcom County. We are also closely watching the arrangements currently being negotiated in Metro Vancouver with respect the

transportation of their solid waste to Washington State. This may well open up avenues which can be explored for the future movement of Solid Waste from Point Roberts.

While it is our belief that the negotiation of the lease of the transfer station with Whatcom County will be a strait forward matter, we are prepared to transport the solid waste directly to Ferndale in the trucks that collect the garbage.

Recyclables would not be removed from the recycling trailer. They would be transported to the recycling center once the trailer was full.

As an option to these, a clause in the Recitals portion of the Lease agreement for the transfer station states that "...Whereas, it is possible that the county as owner of the property may require that a portion of that site be readily available to meet other needs". It is our understanding that the county could make a space available for us to properly transfer the solid waste from the garbage trucks to the containers which would be used to transport the solid waste to Ferndale.

The county has also discussed the issue of our parking our equipment on County property adjacent to transfer station site.

These contingencies will only be necessary if there is a delay in the transfer of the lease of the transfer station, otherwise it would be our intention to continue to operate with the transfer station and only arrange for the transportation of recyclables and Solid waste when the containers were filled and tarped.