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October 27, 1992

Mr. Paul Curl, Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Chandler Plaza  
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RE: Draft 1992 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Curl:

On Wednesday, October 28, 1992, your staff will present their comments on the Draft 1992 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan to the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission (WUTC). In discussions between my staff and your staff concerning the presentation, there was a reference to issuance of a press release by the WUTC detailing the probable cost impacts of the Draft King County Plan. We respectfully request that this press release not be issued.

It is our understanding that the WUTC's role in reviewing draft solid waste plans is to provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions by advising them and the Department of Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on rates. This is done at the preliminary draft stage in order for the local jurisdiction to respond to the rates discussion, among other issues, and to incorporate those comments in revisions to the plan if necessary.

Revisions to the Draft King County Plan now under consideration are likely. We are presenting the Draft Plan to the public and city councils as well as to the King County Council in a series of public meetings throughout the 90-day public comment period. These meetings are generating comments which will lead to changes in the details of the plan and potentially to the cost analysis as well. Issuance of a press release at this time would be misleading to the public.

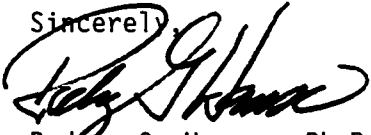


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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions,  
please call me at 296-4385.

Sincerely,



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