SENATE BILL 6141



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Presented by Polly L. McNeill June 21, 2014

Enactment of Senate Bill 6141

- SB 6141 passed into law on March 31, 2014, and went into effect on June 12, 2014.
- The law grants regulated solid waste companies protection for commercial proprietary information similar to what other regulated utilities have had, but at the same time preserves the integrity of the WUTC's rate making process.
- Two statutes were amended the Public Records Act and the Solid Waste Statute:
 - SB 6141 creates an exemption in the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW) for commercial propriety documents, making it possible for the WUTC to withhold disclosure of confidential information.
 - SB 6141 adopts the standards from RCW 80.04.095 (protection of utility records containing commercial information) and adds a new section to Chapter 81.77 RCW (not yet codified).

Comparison of Utility v. Solid Waste Statutes

Records, subject to chapter 42.56 RCW, filed with the commission or the attorney general from any person which that contain valuable commercial information, including trade secrets or confidential marketing, cost, or financial information, or customer-specific usage and network configuration and design information, shall-are not be subject to inspection or copying under chapter 42.56 RCW: (1) Until notice to the person or persons directly affected has been given; and (2) if, within ten days of the notice, the person has obtained a superior court order protecting the records as confidential. The court shall must determine that the records are confidential and not subject to inspection and copying if disclosure would is likely to result in private loss, including an unfair competitive disadvantage, and is not necessary for further When providing information to the commission or the attorney general, a person shall designate which records or portions of records contain valuable commercial information. Nothing in this section shall prevent prevents the use of protective orders by the commission governing disclosure of proprietary or confidential information in contested proceedings.

Statutory Authority – Regulatory Process

 WAC 480-07-160 applies to any information submitted under a claim of confidentiality for solid waste companies under Title 81 and utilities under Title 80.

Strict Compliance

WAC 480-07-160 applies to any information submitted under a claim of confidentiality for solid waste companies under Title 81 and utilities under Title 80.

"A provider may claim the protection of this rule only by strict compliance with the following requirements. Any failure to comply with these requirements may result in the submission not being accepted as one including confidential information."



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May 22, 2014

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGNATE VALUABLE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL

TO ALL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES:

The Weakington legislature recently ensisted Senate Bill 6141, while authorizes solid waste collection companies regulated by the Wachington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to dusignate as confidential valuable commercial information these companies file with the Commission. Tabe bill requires that the Commission proved such information from pable usidscates and enter the Puble Records Act, RCW 42.56. The bill disp provides, however, that the Commission must release such information in response to a rangest for public recards while the Outpublic solution in subfigure the company of the request, a court orders the Commission not to disclose the information.

Beginning iture 12, 2014, the drat on which 86 614 becomes efficielive, itse Commission will accept information that, solid wests collocition companies designed as confidential. Such acceptance, however, is conditioned on compliance with the requirement of WAC 4300-07-160, the Commission rule governing confidential information. Including but not himited to abschedung, and 'doutling, and 'doutling actual information. A conju of that not be accepted with the requirements (SQC) (c) concentrations that abschedul rule is attached to this Notice. Please he aware that while WAC 4300-07-160(3)(c) concentrations that abschedul rule you be accepted with the requirements of the document rule box.

The Commission may reject any document designated as confidential, in whole or in part, if the document does not satisfy the requirements of SB 6141 and WAC 480-07-160. The

¹ This sub-governs information designated as confidential under RCW 81.04.095 and is included in the rulemaking to revise the Commission's procedural rules in Docket A-130351. Pending, mobilization of the rule to -RICU the latest (tablicity, the Commission will require emparities requering confidencial treatment of information promoters 5B 6141 to comply with the requirements in this rule.

What Is "Confidential"?

Confidential Information is information that meets any of the following criteria:

- Valuable commercial information, including trade secrets or confidential marketing, cost, or financial information, or customer-specific usage.
- Information protected under the terms of a protective order in an adjudicative proceeding.
- Information protected from inspection or copying under an exemption from disclosure requirements under the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW.

Step One: Prepare Redacted Documents

										CONFIDENTIAL P	er WAC-480-07-160	and RCW 81.77					
	MCNEILL GARBAGE									REDACTED COP							
	RESTATING ADJUSTMENTS													RA-13	RA-14		
	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/08	RA-1	RA-2	RA-3	RA-4	RA-5	RA-6	RA-7	RA-8	RA-9	RA-10	RA-11	RA-12	REMOVE	REMOVE	RA-15	
								REMOVE		ADJUST	ADJUST		REMOVE	CONTAINER	DROP BOX	REMOVE	
NE		RECLASSIFY	REMOVE	REMOVE	REMOVE	ADJUST	REMOVE	DONATIONS	MANAGEMENT	CONSULTING	EXECUTIVE	REMOVE	STORAGE	RECYCLING	RECYCLING	COMMERCIAL	
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	EVENUES																
1	RESIDENTIAL																
2	COMMERCIAL HAULING																(120,7
3	DROP BOX REVENUE																(385,8
4	DROP BOX PASS THROUGH																(89,7
5	TRANSFER STATION OPERATION			(78,423.79)													
6	CONTRACT RES AND COMMERCIAL		(1,097,939.16)	(70,423.73)													(78,4
7			(1,097,939.16)		(400 450 07)												
	EQUIPMENT RENT		(0.007.00)		(498,158.07)												(562,9
8	LATE FEES		(2,997.68)		(4,192.79)												(9,8
9	OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE																
TC	DTAL REVENUES	0.00	(1,100,936.84)	(78,423.79)	(502,350.86)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					(2,345,4
OF	PERATING EXPENSES																
10	SHOP EXPENSE AND UTILITIES		(5,807.25)	(15,120.00)	(39,484.45)												(428,0
11	CONTAINER REPAIR		(7,185.87)														(7,1
12	TIRES AND TUBES		(5,705.97)														(5,7
13	TRUCK REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE		(13,495.29)														(13,4
14	LABOR	(2,401,619.89)	(10,100.20)														(2,401,6
	DRIVERS	1,815,959.22	(86,087.16)		(133,036.24)												1,596,8
	OFFICE	361,618.55	(41,730.78)		(12,331.19)												307,5
	SHOP				(12,331.19)												
		192,744.74	(9,251.75)		(4 700 50)												183,4
	YARD	17,264.95	(828.72)	((1,726.50)												14,7
	TRANSFER	14,032.43		(14,032.43)													
15	EXECUTIVE SALARIES		(44,299.43)		(9,720.00)				(42,000.00)		(490,531.00)						(586,5
16	DIRECTOR FEES		0.00									(26,270.00)					(26,2
17	FUEL AND OIL		(34,284.97)														(34,2
18	DISPOSAL FEES		(319,275.22)	(29,787.03)	(34,537.95)												(383,6
19	DISPOSAL FEE PASS THROUGH																(89,7
21	TRAFFIC SOLICITATION		(6,635.29)		(4,713.82)		(8,250.00)	(73,520.26)									(93,1
22	ADVERTISING		(2,522.28)		(1,791.87)												(4,3
23	INSURANCE		(8,455.29)		(14,436.00)												(22,8
24	INSURANCE CLAIMS		(588.32)		(11,100.00)												(22,0
25	OFFICE EXPENSE		(34,995.99)		(10,341.10)												(45,3
25	LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING		(12.353.85)		(10,341.10)		(40,000,00)			(70,975.00)							
				(1.100.04)	(4.070.40)		(12,000.00)			(70,975.00)							(95,3
27	COMMUNICATION		(1,941.71)	(1,106.64)	(1,379.42)												(4,4
28	EMPLOYEE WELFARE		(47,646.28)	(13,220.84)	(1,125.00)												(61,9
29	UNCOLLECTIBLE REVENUE		(2,704.19)		(8,879.33)												(11,5
30	DEPRECIATION-STRUCTURES				(16.65)	(116.76)											(1
31	DEPRECIATION-COLLECTION EQUIP		(28,449.13)			0.00											(28,4
32	DEPRECIATION-SERVICE CARS				(109.24)	2,368.65											2,2
33	DEPRECIATION-SHOP/GARAGE					2,659.78											2,6
34	DEPRECIATION-OFFICE EQUIPMENT	-			(120.73)	1,894.06											1,7
35	DEPRECIATION-OTHER EQUIPMENT				(44,432.95)	0.00											(44,4
36	DEPRECIATION CONTAINERS		(15,727.58)		(,	0.00											(100,8
37	GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF ASSETS		(10,121.00)			5.00											(100,0
38	AMORTIZATION																
30 39			(18,393.37)	(1,761.20)													(00.4
	PAYROLL TAXES				(7 505 00)												(20,1
40	TAXES BUSINESS		(16,514.05)	(1,176.36)	(7,535.26)												(35,1
41	TAXES OTHER		(4,844.12)	(345.06)	(2,210.34)												(10,3
42	REGULATORY/FRANCHISE FEES		(76,693.42)														(76,6
43	OPERATING RENTS		(768.36)		(2,056.97)												(2,8
44	RENTAL INCOME		432.00		1,156.50												1,5
45	EQUIPMENT RENT		0.00														
46 TC	DTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(0.00)	(846,753.63)	(76,549.56)	(328,828.51)	6,805.73	(20,250.00)	(73,520.26)	(42,000.00)	(70,975.00)	(490,531.00)	(26,270.00)					(2,524,2
47 NE	T OPERATING INCOME	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00					178,
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49 NE	ET INCOME	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00					178,8
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Step Two: Prepare the Confidential Documents

- Each page of the unredacted version that includes information claimed to be confidential must be printed on
- Each page of the unredacted version that contains information designated highly confidential under a protective order, must be printed on

yellow or canary paper

light blue paper

Step Three: Designate Confidential Information

- Mark the confidential information in unredacted documents.
- Clearly designate with highlighting, outlining, or asterisks.
- Mark each page containing confidential information.

DO NOT MARK THE ENTIRE PAGE OR DOCUMENT UNLESS YOU ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY HAVE TO!!

SAMPLE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT

									CONFIDENTIAL	oer WAC-480-07-160	and RCW 81.77					
MCNELL GARBAGE RESTATING ADJUSTMENTS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/08	RA-1 RECLASSIFY	RA-2 REMOVE	RA-3 REMOVE	RA-4 REMOVE	RA-5 ADJUST	RA-6 REMOVE	RA-7 REMOVE DONATIONS	RA-8 MANAGEMENT	RA-9 ADJUST	RA-10 ADJUST EXECUTIVE	RA-11 REMOVE	RA-12 REMOVE STORAGE	RA-13 REMOVE CONTAINER RECYCLING	RA-14 REMOVE DROP BOX RECYCLING	RA-15 REMOVE COMMERCIAL	
DESCRIPTION	WAGES	CONTRACT	TRANSFER	PRR	DEPRECIATION	LOBBYING	CONTRIB., ETC	FEES	FEES	WAGES	DIRECTOR FEES	BOXES	DEPR	DEPR	RECYCLING	тоти
REVENUES RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL HAULING DROP BOX REVENUE DROP BOX PASS THROUGH TRANSFER STATION OPERATION CONTRACT RES AND COMMERCIAL		(1.097.939.16)	(78,423.79)										(100,185.40)	(43,655.36)	(20,539.87) (342,146.56) (89,756.53)	
EQUIPMENT RENT LATE FEES		(2,997.68)		(498,158.07) (4,192.79)								(64,828.65) (848.64)	(300.56)	(130.97)	(1,357.33)	(562,9
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	(1.100.936.84)	(78 423 79)	(502,350.86)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(65 677 29)	(100,485,96)	(43 786 33)	(453,800.29)	(2.345
	0.00	(1,100,000.04)	(10,420.10)	(002,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(00,077.20)	(100,400.00)	(40,700.00)	(400,000.20)	(2,040
OPERATING EXPENSES SHOP EXPENSE AND UTILITIES CONTAINER REPAIR TIRES AND TUBES TRUCK REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE LABOR	(2,401,619.89)	(5,807.25) (7,185.87) (5,705.97) (13,495.29)	(15,120.00)	(39,484.45)								(7,680.00)			(360,000.00)	(428, (7, (5, (13, (2,401,
DRIVERS	1,815,959.22 361,618.55	(86,087.16) (41,730.78)		(133,036.24) (12,331.19)												1,596, 307,
SHOP YARD	192,744.74 17,264.95	(9,251.75) (828.72)		(1,726.50)												183 14
TRANSFER	14,032.43		(14,032.43)													
EXECUTIVE SALARIES DIRECTOR FEES		(44,299.43)		(9,720.00)				(42,000.00)		(490,531.00)	(26,270.00)					(586
FUEL AND OIL		(34,284.97)									(20,270.00)					(34
DISPOSAL FEES DISPOSAL FEE PASS THROUGH		(319,275.22)	(29,787.03)	(34,537.95)											(89,756,53)	(38
TRAFFIC SOLICITATION		(6,635.29)		(4,713.82)		(8,250.00) (73,520.26))							(89,756.53)	(9)
ADVERTISING INSURANCE		(2,522.28) (8,455.29)		(1,791.87) (14,436.00)												(* (2:
INSURANCE CLAIMS		(588.32)														
OFFICE EXPENSE LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING		(34,995.99) (12,353.85)		(10,341.10)		(12,000.00			(70,975.00)							(45
COMMUNICATION		(1,941.71)	(1,106.64)	(1,379.42)		(12,000.00	,		(70,975.00)							(4
EMPLOYEE WELFARE UNCOLLECTIBLE REVENUE		(47,646.28) (2,704.19)	(13,220.84)	(1,125.00) (8,879.33)												(61 (11
DEPRECIATION-STRUCTURES				(8,879.33) (16.65)	(116.76)											
DEPRECIATION-COLLECTION EQUIP DEPRECIATION-SERVICE CARS		(28,449.13)		(109.24)	0.00 2.368.65											(28
DEPRECIATION-SHOP/GARAGE				(109.24)	2,368.65											
DEPRECIATION-OFFICE EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION-OTHER EQUIPMENT				(120.73) (44,432.95)	1,894.06 0.00											(44
DEPRECIATION CONTAINERS		(15,727.58)		(44,452.55)	0.00							(8,076.00)	(54,557.00)	(22,454.00)		(100
GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF ASSETS AMORTIZATION																
PAYROLL TAXES		(18,393.37)	(1,761.20)													(20
TAXES BUSINESS TAXES OTHER		(16,514.05) (4,844,12)	(1,176.36) (345.06)	(7,535.26) (2,210.34)								(985.16) (288.98)	(1,507.29) (442.14)	(656.79) (192.66)	(6,807.00) (1,996.72)	(35
REGULATORY/FRANCHISE FEES		(76,693.42)	(040.00)									(200.98)	(442.14)	(102.00)	(1,000.72)	(76
OPERATING RENTS RENTAL INCOME		(768.36) 432.00		(2,056.97) 1,156.50												(2
EQUIPMENT RENT		0.00														
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(0.00)	(846,753.63)	(76,549.56)	(328,828.51)	6,805.73	(20,250.00) (73,520.26) (42,000.00)	(70,975.00)	(490,531.00)	(26,270.00)	(17,030.14)	(56,506.43)	(23,303.45)	(458,560.26)	(2,524
NET OPERATING INCOME	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00	(48,647.15)	(43,979.53)	(20,482.87)	4,759.97	178
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)																
NET INCOME	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00	(48,647.15)	(43,979.53)	(20,482.87)	4,759.97	178
NET INVESTMENT												(44 658 00)	(282,4 <u>34.00)</u>	(141,791.00)		(468
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DOCUMENT FILED PER PROTECTIVE ORDER

									CONFIDENTI	AL per Protective	Order in WUTC	Docket [Insert	Docket #] (Pe	er WAC 480-07	7-160)	
MCNEILL GARBAGE RESTATING ADJUSTMENTS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/0 E . DESCRIPTION	8 RA-1 RECLASSIFY WAGES	RA-2 REMOVE CONTRACT	RA-3 REMOVE TRANSFER	RA-4 REMOVE PRR	RA-5 ADJUST DEPRECIATION	RA-6 REMOVE LOBBYING	RA-7 REMOVE DONATIONS CONTRIB., ETC	RA-8 MANAGEMENT FEES	RA-9 ADJUST CONSULTING FEES	RA-10 ADJUST EXECUTIVE WAGES	RA-11 REMOVE DIRECTOR FEES	RA-12 REMOVE STORAGE BOXES	RA-13 REMOVE CONTAINER RECYCLING DEPR	RA-14 REMOVE DROP BOX RECYCLING DEPR	RA-15 REMOVE COMMERCIAL RECYCLING	TOTAL
REVENUES COMMERCIAL HAULING COMMERCIAL HAULING COMMERCIAL HAULING DROP BOX REVENUE HDROP BOX PASS THROUGH TRANSFER STATION OPERATION CONTRACT RES AND COMMERC EQUIPMENT RENT LATE FEES	AL	(1,097,939.16) (2,997.68)	(78,423.79)	(498,158.07) (4,192.79)								(64,828.65) (848.64)	(100,185.40)	(43,655.36) (130.97)	(20,539.87) (342,146.56) (89,756.53) (1,357.33)	0. (120,725. (385,801.) (89,756.) (78,423. (1,097,939. (562,986.) (9,827.)
9 OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	(1 100 936 84)	(78 423 79)	(502 350 86)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(65 677 29)	(100 485 96)	(43 786 33)	(453 800 29)	0
TOTAL REVENUES OPERATING EXPENSES OPERATING EXPENSES CONTAINER REPAR CONTAINER REPAR CONTAINER REPAR TRUCK REPAR AND MAINTENAN CONTAINERS TRUCK REPAR AND MAINTENAN CONTAINERS TRUCK REPAR TRANSFER EXECUTIVE SALARES EXECUTIVES EXECUTION SERVICE CARES EXE	CE (2.401.619.98 1.815.969.22 301.618.55 192.744.7 17.264.95 14.032.43	(86,087.16) (41,730.78) (9,251.75) (828.72)	(78,423,79) (15,120.00) (14,032,43) (29,787.03) (1,106.64) (13,220.84)	(502,350,86) (39,484,45) (12,331,19) (1,726,50) (9,720,00) (34,537,95) (4,713,82) (1,791,87) (14,436,00) (10,341,10) (1,379,42) (1,125,00) (10,341,10) (1,379,42) (1,125,00) (10,24) (100,24) (120,73) (44,432,95)	0.00 (118.76) 0.00 2.388.85 2.655.78 1.894.06 0.00 0.00	0.00 (8.250.00) (12,000.00)		(42,000.00)	0.00	(490.531.00)	0.00	(65,677.29) (7,680.00) (8,076.00)	(100,485.96)	(43,786.33)	(453,800.29) (360,000.00) (89,756.53)	(428,091, (7,185, (5,705, (2,401,619, 1,596,835, 307,556, 11,4700, (586,550), (586,550), (586,550), (68,976, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (38,3600, (34,224, (34,3600, (34
88 AMORTIZATION 9 PAYROLL TAXES 100 TAXES BUSINESS 11 TAXES OTHER 12 REGULATORY/FRANCHISE FEES 13 OPERATING RENTS 14 RENTAL INCOME 15 EQUIPMENT RENT		(18,393.37) (16,514.05) (4,844.12) (76,693.42) (768.36) 432.00 0.00	(1,761.20) (1,176.36) (345.06)	(7,535.26) (2,210.34) (2,056.97) 1,156.50								(985.16) (288.98)	(1,507.29) (442.14)	(656.79) (192.66)	(6,807.00) (1,996.72)	(20,154 (35,181 (10,320 (76,693 (2,825 1,588
6 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(0.00) (846,753.63)	(76,549.56)	(328,828.51)	6,805.73	(20,250.00)	(73,520.26)	(42,000.00)	(70,975.00)	(490,531.00)	(26,270.00)	(17,030.14)	(56,506.43)	(23,303.45)	(458,560.26)	(2,524,272
7 NET OPERATING INCOME	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00	(48,647.15)	(43,979.53)	(20,482.87)	4,759.97	178,811
8 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)																
	0.00	(254,183.21)	(1,874.23)	(173,522.35)	(6,805.73)	20,250.00	73,520.26	42,000.00	70,975.00	490,531.00	26,270.00	(48,647.15)	(43,979.53)	(20,482.87)	4,759.97	178,81
19 NET INCOME																

Information

Step Four: Mark the Documents

"Confidential per WAC 480-07-160"

Paper copies:

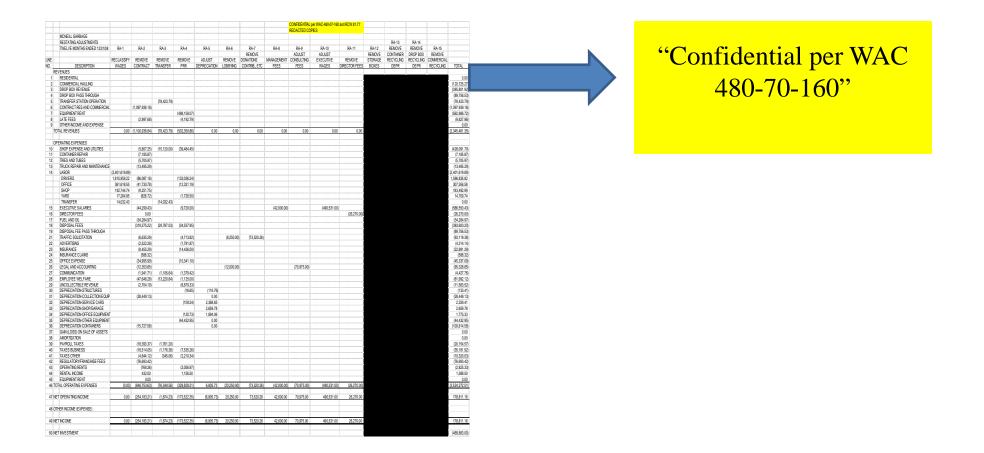
- On the first page of a multipage document; and
- On each specific page.

Electronic copies:

- In the email message or on the disk or diskette;
- On the first page in the file; and
- On each page that the provider claims contains confidential information.
- *See also* WAC 480-07-140(6) for electronic format requirements.

"Confidential per protective order in WUTC Docket ###"

DESIGNATE THE SOURCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY



Step Five: Seal the Documents

- Redacted version must be labeled and submitted along with a set of any confidential documents.
- The confidential <u>unredacted</u> version must be so labeled and submitted in a <u>sealed envelope or similar wrapping</u>.
- A party submitting multiple confidential documents must collate the documents into sets and, to the extent feasible, must enclose <u>each set</u> of confidential documents in a <u>separate</u> <u>envelope</u> and <u>each set</u> of highly confidential documents for filing in a separate envelope.

Step Six: Submit the Documents

• Submit the claim of confidentiality :

- In writing (letter or e-mail)
- In same form (i.e., paper or electronic)
- At same time information is submitted
- Use separate transmittals when filing via email or via the web portal.
- Provide the correct number of copies in the right format:
 - Unredacted (Confidential): Original & the required number of copies;
 - Redacted: Original & one copy.
- Submit only the first page of the redacted version if the page indicates that the <u>entire document</u> is confidential.

Transmittal Letter

Steven V. King Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: McNeill Garbage Company General Rate Request

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed you will find documents necessary to submit our company's general rate request. Please note that our filing includes certain information that contains valuable commercial information and is, therefore, presented in accordance with the procedures established in WAC 480-07-160.

Pursuant to WAC-480-07-140(6), enclosed are electronic versions of confidential materials, with the first page of the file, and each page that contains confidential information marked appropriately. Also enclosed is an electronic version of an index identifying the documents submitted. Additionally, a paper copy of the confidential redacted and unredacted materials, along with a paper copy of the index will be submitted by U.S. mail.

Comply with WAC 480-07-140

Submit Using the Following Formats:

- .pdf (Adobe Acrobat); <u>and</u>
- A separate file in .doc, .docx, .docm (MS Word), .xls, .xlsx, .xlsm (Excel), or .ppt, .pptx, .pptm (Power Point).
- File redacted versions of electronic version in PDF only.
- Redacted and unredacted versions must have the <u>same</u> <u>pagination and line numbering</u>.

Third-Party Requests

• "Provider" means any person who submits information with the claim of confidentiality.

- "Requestor" means any person who submits

 a request for public records under 42.56 RCW
 (Public Records Act) or
 - a data request in an adjudicative proceeding.

Third-Party Requests

- The commission will provide written notice of any request for information designated confidential to the provider and any person identified by the provider as a person who might be directly affected by release of the information.
- The commission will issue such notice <u>not more than two days</u> after the requested materials are located and it determines that they contain information claimed to be confidential.
- The commission will send a copy of the notice to the requester at the same time it sends a copy to the provider.
- If the provider consents in writing to the release of the information, or does not restrain disclosure by way of court order <u>within ten days</u> following notice, the commission will consider the information public, remove the confidential designation from its files, and release the information to the requester.

Third-Party Requests

- The requester must
 - submit a written request on a form provided by the commission or in a letter containing equivalent information;
 - include the requester's name and address and the name and address of any organization on whose behalf or for whose benefit the request is being made;
 - state whether the information sought is to be used for a commercial purpose.
- The commission will provide an opportunity to respond before ruling on the challenge.
- If a confidential designation is challenged, the provider of the confidential information bears the burden to show that part or all of a document should be protected from disclosure.
- The commission may express its ruling orally on the record in an adjudicative proceeding, or in a written order.

THANK YOU



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