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**Tom Egleston, Solid Waste & Recycling Division Manager
Washington County**

RE: Expanded Service Opportunity

On behalf of the certificated haulers of Washington County, we would like to propose an expanded service by offering collection of hard to recycle materials from residential customers. Such material could include batteries, film plastic, and other specialty items. As your certificated partners, we consistently provide safe, affordable, and efficient curbside solid waste and recycling collection services. With our foundation and experience, expanding curbside collection of specially identified materials would involve very little implementation cost.

Service Proposal - Initially, we recommend this be offered as an ancillary service, not included with the base cost of providing solid waste and recycling service. In this way, only those customers who want the service would pay for it. Over time, local communities may choose to expand the new service to all customers.

- *Service Manner and Frequency* – The service would be provided by the customer’s regular garbage and recycling service provider with the day of collection arranged in advance.
- *Accountability and Safeguards*– We have established relationships with responsible processors and users of these materials to ensure they are properly recycled and used so they will not come back to litter our streets.
- *Regulated Rates* – To start, we estimate the urban charge would range from \$5.50 to \$7.00 *per collection* depending on the volume of the material. Rural service would need further review. This service charge would include a certificate fee paid to Washington County. Our projections indicate providing this service to all customers and bundling the costs would result in a lower impact on rates.

We see this as a tremendous opportunity for the haulers to work in partnership with you and help develop additional ways to divert material ending up in the landfills and the streets of our communities by providing affordable rates and using an established safe and environmentally sound collection system that works. We look forward to continually exploring new ways to

serve as a community resource, imparting our experiences as large, small, family and women-owned companies navigating the business of waste management while providing living wages and promoting our common values of advancing equity.

We take our work very seriously and are here to help. Should you like to learn more about our proposal, please contact Beth Vargas Duncan at 971-707-1683 or bethvd@orra.net; we can certainly work with your staff and consultant to verify our cost assumptions and ensure we have the customer's best interest in mind.

Sincerely,

Beth Vargas Duncan

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