WAC 480-70-151 Service agreements between companies. (1) A company may enter into an agreement to allow another company to operate in its territory when the first company:

(a) Holds exclusive traditional authority for solid waste collection service in the territory to be served; and

(b) Lacks suitable equipment to adequately serve its customers, or is unable to provide service on a temporary basis due to situations such as, but not limited to, road closures, temporary weight limitations, or other temporary restrictions imposed by local jurisdictions.

(2) The commission must approve the agreement before any service is provided. To apply for commission approval, the companies must jointly file a copy of the written agreement at least fifteen days before the proposed effective date of the agreement. Companies may request the fifteen-day approval period be waived in the case of an emergency.

(3) The agreement filed with the commission must clearly state:

(a) The first company will bill customers for service provided by the second company at rates and charges contained in the first company's filed tariff.

(b) The first company will pay the second company for providing service in compliance with terms stated in the agreement.

(c) The beginning and ending dates of the agreement.

(d) A provision for early termination of the agreement that includes at least five days' notice to the commission and to each party.

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