

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING ) RESOLUTION NO. 98-2709  
PAUL L. MATTHEWS TO THE SOLID )  
WASTE RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE ) Introduced by Mike Burton,  
) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, Chapter 5.08 of the Metro Code provides for the establishment of a Rate Review Committee composed of seven members, including one Metro Councilor who shall serve as Committee Chair and who shall be appointed by the Council Presiding Officer, and six other members who shall be appointed by the Executive Officer subject to confirmation by the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Committee member Andrew Thaler, has completed two full terms on the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee ending September, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Paul L. Matthews has applied for, and meets the required qualifications of a person with experience in establishing rates to serve on this committee; and,

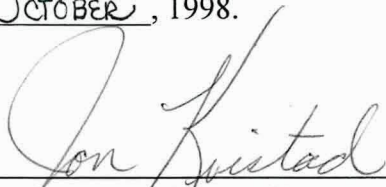
WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has recommended that Paul L. Matthews be appointed to the Rate Review Committee to begin serving immediately; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution was submitted to the Executive Officer for consideration and was forwarded to the Council for approval; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED,

That Paul L. Matthews be appointed for a full four-year term to fill the position of a person with experience in establishing rates, the initial term of which will expire September 2002.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1998.

  
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Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
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Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2709, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
APPOINTING PAUL L. MATTHEWS TO THE SOLID WASTE RATE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

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Date: October 7, 1998

Presented by: Councilor McFarland

**Committee Recommendation:** At its October 6 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No 98-2709 and voted unanimously to send the resolution to the Council with a do pass recommendation. Voting in favor: Councilor McFarland, Councilor Washington and Chair Morissette.

**Committee Issues/Discussion:** Bruce Warner, REM Director, presented the staff report. He explained that the purpose of the resolution was to appoint Paul L. Matthews to the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee to replace Andy Thaler, who has served on the committee for 11 years. Under the Metro Code, Mr. Thaler's position must be filled by an individual that has expertise in rate-setting. Warner indicated that Mr. Matthews has an extensive background in working with utility rate-setting, including work with local governments. Warner said that Matthews would be able to review the staff's rate-setting model and assumptions and hold the staff accountable.

Chair Morissette and Councilor McFarland praised the work of Andy Thaler. Chair Morissette further indicated that Mr. Matthews appeared to have an excellent background to service on the committee and hoped that he would work to provide the garbage ratepayers of the region to lowest possible disposal fees.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
RESOLUTION 98-2709  
SOLID WASTE RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

**PROPOSED ACTION**

- Council confirmation of Paul Matthew's appointment to the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee.

**WHY NECESSARY**

- Filling vacancy created by Andrew Thaler's term expiring.

**ISSUES/CONCERNS**

- Paul Matthews' experience evaluating and recommending rates and rate structures for public utilities qualifies him to fill the Metro Solid Waste Rate Review Committee position for a person with expertise in the area of rate-setting.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- None

## STAFF REPORT

### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2709 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING PAUL L. MATTHEWS TO THE SOLID WASTE RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Date: September 18, 1998

Presented by: Bruce Warner,  
Dennis Strachota

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Ordinance No. 91-436A, Metro Code Chapter 5.08, establishes a seven-member solid waste Rate Review Committee, six members of which are to be appointed by the Executive Officer, subject to confirmation by the Council. The members appointed by the Executive Officer shall include the following: two persons engaged in the business of hauling solid waste; one person with experience establishing rates; one person involved with a local recycling or waste reduction program; and one citizen rate-payer. The seventh committee member shall be a Metro Councilor, who shall be appointed by the Council Presiding Officer.

Mr. Paul L. Matthews has extensive experience analyzing and establishing utility rates. Mr. Matthews manages the Portland office of Integrated Utilities Group, Inc. (IUG), serving as project manager and consultant on a variety of utility economics projects, including cost-of-service rate studies. He has managed financial planning, rate analysis, cost-of-service, and other similar studies for nearly 20 different agencies, including City of Portland Water Bureau, City of Gresham Water and Sewer, and Clackamas Water District. He has published numerous articles on rate structures and methodology for evaluating and establishing rates. He has experience with rate analysis and recommendation on a regional basis, making him especially sensitive to consensus-building issues particular to Metro's regional stakeholder setting.

Mr. Matthews' extensive experience with the rate-setting process and particular expertise in the areas of cost-of-service and regional utilities make him an ideal candidate for the current vacancy for a person with experience establishing rates.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends that Resolution No. 98-2709 be adopted, confirming appointment of Paul L. Matthews, a person with specialized expertise in the area of rate setting, for a full four-year term as a member of the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee.

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