

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF ) RESOLUTION NO. 18-4917  
OPERATING OFFICER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE NON- )  
SYSTEM LICENSE TO WILLAMETTE RESOURCES, INC. FOR ) Introduced by Chief Operating  
TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF PUTRESCIBLE WASTE AT ) Officer Martha Bennett in  
THE COLUMBIA RIDGE LANDFILL LOCATED IN GILLIAM ) concurrence with Council  
COUNTY, OREGON, AND COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL ) President Tom Hughes  
LOCATED IN BENTON COUNTY, OREGON )

WHEREAS, the Metro Code requires a non-system license of any person that delivers solid waste generated from within the Metro Region to a non-system disposal facility; and

WHEREAS, Willamette Resources, Inc. holds Metro Solid Waste Facility Non-System License No. N-005-16C, which expires on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Willamette Resources, Inc.'s non-system license authorizes the transport and disposal of putrescible waste generated from within the Metro boundary at Columbia Ridge Landfill and Coffin Butte Landfill; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 5.05 provides that the Chief Operating Officer will review an amendment for a non-system license for putrescible waste and that Metro Council has authority to approve or deny the amendment; and


WHEREAS, the Chief Operating Officer recommends that Metro Council approve amendment of the non-system license to extend the term through December 31, 2019, and carry forward specific conditions as provided in this Resolution and Exhibit A; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that (1) the amendment of Willamette Resources, Inc.'s non-system license is approved subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations contained in this Resolution and Exhibit A, and (2) the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to issue an amended Solid Waste Facility Non-System License substantially similar to the one attached as Exhibit A which replaces and supersedes the current non-system license for Willamette Resources, Inc.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

  
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Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

  
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Nathan A. S. Sykes, Acting Metro Attorney



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**METRO SOLID WASTE FACILITY  
NON-SYSTEM LICENSE**

**No. N-005-16D**

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This non-system license replaces and supersedes the provisions of Metro Solid Waste Facility Non-System License No. N-005-16C.

**ISSUED BY METRO:**

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Martha Bennett,  
Chief Operating Officer

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Date

<b>1</b>	<b>NATURE OF WASTE COVERED BY LICENSE</b>
	Putrescible solid waste that is generated within the Metro region and received at Willamette Resources, Inc. in accordance with its Metro solid waste facility franchise.

<b>2</b>	<b>CALENDAR YEAR TONNAGE ALLOCATION</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The licensee is authorized to transport the waste described in Section 1 to the non-system facilities described in Section 3 as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) For calendar year 2018, beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2018, the licensee is authorized to transport up to 79,880 tons; and</li><li>(b) For calendar year 2019, beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2019, the licensee is authorized to transport up to 79,880 tons.</li></ol></li><li>2. This license does not increase the total tonnage that the licensee is authorized to accept under its Metro solid waste facility franchise.</li></ol>

<b>3</b>	<b>NON-SYSTEM FACILITIES</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The licensee is authorized to transport the waste described above in Section 1 to the following non-system facilities:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <u>Columbia Ridge Landfill</u> located at 18177 Cedar Springs Lane in Arlington, Oregon; and</li><li>ii. <u>Coffin Butte Landfill</u> located at 28972 Coffin Butte Road in Corvallis, Oregon.</li></ol></li><li>(b) This license is issued on condition that the non-system facilities named in this section are authorized to accept the type of waste described in Section 1. If Metro receives notice from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality that these non-system facilities are not authorized to accept such waste, Metro may immediately terminate this license pursuant to Section 7.</li><li>(c) Metro's Chief Operating Officer (the "COO") may amend this section and any other applicable section to authorize an alternate non-system facility if the COO determines that the solid waste system or the public will benefit from, and will be better served by, transporting the waste described in this license to a facility other than those listed in this section.</li></ol>

<b>4</b>	<b>TERM OF LICENSE</b>
	The term of this license originally commenced on December 16, 2016 and expires on December 31, 2019, unless terminated sooner under Section 7.
<b>5</b>	<b>REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS AND CITATIONS</b>
	The licensee must report to Metro any significant incidents (such as fires), accidents, and citations involving vehicles transporting the solid waste authorized by this license.
<b>6</b>	<b>RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING</b>
	<p>(a) The licensee must keep and maintain accurate records of the amount of all waste that the licensee transports to the non-system facilities described in Section 3. These records include the information specified in the Metro document titled, <u>Reporting Requirements and Data Standards for Metro Solid Waste Licensees, Franchisees, and Parties to Designated Facility Agreements</u>.</p> <p>(b) The licensee must perform the following no later than fifteen days following the end of each month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Transmit to Metro the records required under Section 6(a) above in an electronic format prescribed by Metro;</li><li>ii. Submit to Metro a Regional System Fee and Excise Tax Report, that covers the preceding month; and</li><li>iii. Remit to Metro the requisite regional system fees and excise taxes in accordance with the Metro Code provisions applicable to the collection, payment, and accounting of such fees and taxes.</li></ul> <p>(c) The licensee must make available to Metro (or Metro's designated agent) all records from which Sections 6(a) and 6(b) above are derived for its inspection or copying, as long as Metro provides at least three business days written notice of an intent to inspect or copy documents. The licensee must, in addition, sign or otherwise provide to Metro any consent or waiver necessary for Metro to obtain information or data from a third party, including the non-system facilities named in Section 3.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL LICENSE CONDITIONS</b>
	<p>This license is subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The permissive transport of solid waste to the non-system facilities, listed in Section 3, authorized by this license is subordinate to any subsequent decision by Metro to direct the solid waste described in this license to any other facility.</li><li>(b) The COO may amend or terminate this license in the event that the COO determines that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. There has been sufficient change in any circumstances under which Metro issued this license;</li><li>ii. The provisions of this license are actually or potentially in conflict with any provision in Metro’s disposal contract with Oregon Waste Systems, Inc.;</li><li>iii. Metro’s solid waste system or the public will benefit from, and will be better served by, an order directing that the waste described in Section 1 be transported to, and disposed of at, a facility other than the facilities listed in Section 3; or</li><li>iv. There has been a change in the amount of tonnage that the licensee is authorized to accept under its Metro solid waste facility franchise. In the event that Metro amends the tonnage authorization provided in the facility’s franchise, the COO may amend Section 2 of this license to match the same calendar year tonnage authorization in the franchise.</li></ul></li><li>(c) This license, in addition to subsections (b)(i) through (b)(iv), above, is subject to amendment, suspension, or termination pursuant to the Metro Code.</li><li>(d) The licensee must not transfer or assign any right or interest in this license without prior written notification to, and approval of, Metro.</li><li>(e) This license will terminate upon the execution of a designated facility agreement with any of the facilities listed in Section 3 that authorizes the acceptance of the waste described in Section 1.</li><li>(f) This license authorizes the transport of solid waste to the facilities listed in Section 3. Transport of waste generated from within the Metro boundary to any non-system facility other than those specified in this license is prohibited unless authorized in writing by Metro.</li><li>(g) If the licensee exceeds the calendar year authorization set forth in Section 2, each ton or portion thereof by which the licensee exceeds the limitation constitutes a separate violation subject to a penalty of up to \$500.</li></ul>

<b>8</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE WITH LAW</b>
	<p>The licensee must fully comply with all applicable local, regional, state and federal laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits pertaining in any manner to this license, including all applicable Metro Code provisions and administrative rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 5.05 whether or not those provisions have been specifically mentioned or cited herein. All conditions imposed on the collection and hauling of the licensee's solid waste by federal, state, regional or local governments or agencies having jurisdiction over solid waste generated by the licensee is deemed part of this license as if specifically set forth herein.</p>

<b>9</b>	<b>INDEMNIFICATION</b>
	<p>The licensee must defend, indemnify and hold harmless Metro, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes of action, or losses and expenses, or including all attorneys' fees, whether incurred before any litigation is commenced, during any litigation or on appeal, arising out of or related in any way to the issuance or administration of this non-system license or the transport and disposal of the solid waste covered by this license.</p>

## STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-4917 AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE NON-SYSTEM LICENSE TO WILLAMETTE RESOURCES, INC. FOR TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF PUTRESCIBLE WASTE AT THE COLUMBIA RIDGE LANDFILL LOCATED IN GILLIAM COUNTY, OREGON, AND COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL LOCATED IN BENTON COUNTY, OREGON

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If the Metro Council approves Resolution No. 18-4917, it will authorize the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to issue an amended non-system license (NSL) to Willamette Resources, Inc. (WRI) to extend the term of its NSL by one year to expire on December 31, 2019. The amended license carries forward all of the current license conditions and continues to authorize WRI to transport putrescible waste from the Metro region to the Columbia Ridge Landfill (Columbia Ridge) located in Gilliam County, Oregon, and the Coffin Butte Landfill (Coffin Butte) located in Benton County, Oregon.

WRI is a Metro-franchised solid waste transfer station located at 10295 SW Ridder Road, in Wilsonville (Metro Council District 3).<sup>1</sup> WRI is owned by Republic Waste Systems, Inc. headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

## BACKGROUND

In December 2016, the Metro Council approved a short-term NSL that authorized WRI to transport putrescible waste to either Columbia Ridge or Riverbend Landfill (Riverbend).<sup>2</sup> The term began on December 16, 2016, and was initially set to expire on June 30, 2017. Effective February 1, 2017, the NSL required the licensee to send its waste primarily to Columbia Ridge and use Riverbend only in certain unusual circumstances that would otherwise prevent the licensee from transporting waste to Columbia Ridge. The NSL included this requirement due to limited disposal capacity and legal uncertainty regarding future expansion at Riverbend. The NSL also authorized the COO to direct the licensee to transport its waste to an alternate landfill, if necessary, to better serve the public and minimize disruption to the solid waste system.

At the end of January 2017, Waste Management notified Metro that it had entered into a “waste swap” agreement with Republic Services. As a result, Waste Management sought Metro’s approval to allow its current Riverbend customers to transport Metro area waste to Coffin Butte (owned by Republic Services) instead of Riverbend during the term of its waste swap agreement. The COO subsequently amended WRI’s NSL to include Coffin Butte as an additional disposal site option.

In June 2017, the Metro Council amended WRI’s NSL to remove Riverbend as a disposal site option and extend the license term until December 31, 2018.<sup>3</sup> The NSL also authorizes the COO to periodically adjust the license tonnage authorization if necessary to align it with WRI’s franchise tonnage allocation. The current NSL authorizes WRI to transport up to 79,880 tons per calendar year of Metro-area putrescible waste to either Columbia Ridge or Coffin Butte for disposal.

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<sup>1</sup> Metro Solid Waste Facility Franchise No. F-005-08H.

<sup>2</sup> Metro Resolution No. 16-4741

<sup>3</sup> Metro Resolution No. 17-4804

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

### 1. Known Opposition

There is no known opposition to issuing an NSL authorizing the transport and disposal of Metro-area waste at Columbia Ridge or Coffin Butte. Metro and Benton County staff have discussed the waste shifts from Riverbend to Coffin Butte. The County has not raised any objections to Metro area waste being disposed at Coffin Butte through 2019.

Although approval of Resolution No. 18-4917 would extend WRI's authorization to transport waste to two landfills, the proposed NSL does not obligate either landfill to accept Metro-area waste. Additionally, the proposed resolution does not limit Metro's ability to terminate the NSL if either landfill is unable or unwilling to accept this waste in the future.

### 2. Legal Antecedents

Metro Code Section 5.05.040 prohibits any person from utilizing non-system facilities without an appropriate license from Metro. Additionally, Metro Code Section 5.05.140 provides that, when determining whether to approve an NSL, the Metro Council will consider the following factors to the extent relevant.

- (1) *The degree to which prior users of the non-system facility and waste types accepted at the non-system facility are known and the degree to which such wastes pose a future risk of environmental contamination;*

The disposal sites (Columbia Ridge and Coffin Butte) are well known to Metro. The disposal sites are owned and operated by major, nationally-integrated solid waste companies. Both landfills are permitted Subtitle D landfills under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), which establishes national landfill standards.

The environmental risk associated with the use of these disposal sites is regulated by the appropriate local and state authorities. It has been Metro's practice to rely on the local land use authority and the state environmental agency to determine whether environmental or human health risks posed are known, reasonable and appropriate.

- (2) *The non-system facility owner's and operator's regulatory compliance record with federal, state and local requirements including but not limited to public health, safety and environmental rules and regulations;*

Waste Management owns and operates Columbia Ridge and Republic Services owns and operates Coffin Butte. Metro staff's investigation of both Waste Management and Republic Services has revealed a good record of compliance with local and state agencies responsible for health, safety, and environmental regulations.



- (3) *The adequacy of the non-system facility's operational practices and management controls;*

Columbia Ridge and Coffin Butte use operational practices and management controls that are typical of RCRA Subtitle D landfills. DEQ staff considers the operational practices and controls in place at these landfills appropriate for the proper management of waste disposal and adequate to protect health and the environment.

- (4) *The expected impact on the region's recycling and waste reduction efforts;*

The proposed license authorizes the transport and disposal of putrescible solid waste, which currently has limited recovery potential. The license puts no long-term constraint on the waste if recovery alternatives emerge for the region. Thus, approval of the proposed license renewal is not expected to impact the region's recycling and waste reduction efforts.

- (5) *The proposed non-system license's effect with Metro's existing contractual arrangements;*

Metro and Waste Management are parties to a disposal contract through the end of 2019 that requires Metro to deliver 87 percent of the region's putrescible waste, that is delivered to a general purpose landfill during the calendar year, to a landfill owned by Waste Management (the "flow guarantee").<sup>4</sup> The proposed NSL covers a portion of the uncommitted waste that is not guaranteed under the disposal contract.

Metro and Waste Management have agreed that the first 10,500 tons per quarter (42,000 tons per year) of putrescible waste that WRI transports to Coffin Butte under this NSL do not count toward the flow guarantee or the calculation used for determining Metro's disposal rate. However, any putrescible waste that WRI transports to Coffin Butte above the 10,500-ton quarterly amount (along with any waste transported to Columbia Ridge) does count toward the flow guarantee and Metro disposal rate calculation.

- (6) *The applicant's record regarding compliance with Metro ordinances and agreements or assistance to Metro in Metro ordinance enforcement and with federal, state and local requirements including but not limited to public health, safety and environmental rules and regulations; and*

WRI is currently in compliance with its Metro-issued franchise and NSL. WRI has not had any compliance issues with regard to Metro requirements over the last two years or other issues related to public health, safety, or environmental regulations.

- (7) *Any other factor the Chief Operating Officer considers appropriate.*

The COO finds that it is in the public's interest to extend the term of the current NSL by one year in order to align it with the term of Metro's disposal contract which expires on December 31, 2019. With the exception of the proposed one-year term extension, the amended license carries forward all of the current license conditions and authorizes WRI to transport putrescible waste from the Metro region to Columbia Ridge and Coffin Butte for disposal.

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<sup>4</sup> Change Order No. 11 to Metro Contract No. 900607, October 1, 2018.

### **3. Anticipated Effects**

Approval of Resolution No. 18-4917 will authorize the COO to issue an amended NSL to WRI to extend the term of the license by one year to expire on December 31, 2019. The proposed NSL would authorize WRI to transport up to 79,880 tons per calendar year of putrescible waste (or as otherwise authorized by the COO to align it with WRI's franchise tonnage allocation) to either Columbia Ridge or Coffin Butte for disposal.

### **4. Budget Impacts**

The price that Metro pays for disposal at Columbia Ridge is a "declining block rate" — meaning that the more waste that is delivered to any landfill owned by Waste Management the lower the per-ton cost paid by Metro. In general, Metro's longstanding practice of allocating the uncommitted tonnage to a non-Waste Management landfill increases the tip fee at Metro's transfer stations more than if all of the uncommitted waste were to flow to a landfill owned by Waste Management. As previously explained, the proposed NSL covers a portion of the uncommitted waste that is not guaranteed under Metro's disposal contract (i.e., 42,000 tons per year transported to Coffin Butte).

Metro longstanding practice of granting NSLs for the uncommitted waste has already been factored into the budget. Additionally, all of the waste authorized under the proposed NSL will continue to be subject to Metro's regional system fee and excise tax.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The COO recommends that the Metro Council approve Resolution No. 18-4917, finding that the proposed one-year term extension of the NSL is in the public's interest and satisfies the requirements of Metro Code Chapter 5.05. Approval of Resolution No. 18-4917 will authorize the COO to issue an amended NSL to WRI as attached to the resolution as Exhibit A.

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