August 13, 2002

Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Commission Order No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the June 27, 2002 Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, enclosed are the written statements, under oath, of Jonathan P. Ward, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The ServiceMaster Company, and Steve C. Preston, Chief Financial Officer of The ServiceMaster Company. If you have any questions regarding the enclosures, please contact me at 630-271-2071.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Kaput
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Enclosures
STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Jonathan P. Ward, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The ServiceMaster Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and

- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with The ServiceMaster Company's Audit and Finance Committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of The ServiceMaster Company;

- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The ServiceMaster Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Jonathan P. Ward
August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 2002.

Latreessa G. Stahlberg
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5/2/2004
STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
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I, Steven C. Preston, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The ServiceMaster Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

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Steven C. Preston
August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 2002.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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