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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Dear Customer:

June 30, 2013

Empire Disposal, Inc. has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC November 1, 2010. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective August 1, 2013. The rate per month will increase as follows:

Residential:	Current Rate	Proposed	
	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Invoiced Every-Other-Month		<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
20 gal weekly	12.18	1.15	13.33
1-32 gal weekly	15.44	1.46	16.90
2-32 gal weekly	20.47	1.94	22.41
1-32 gal per month	9.86	.92	10.78
1-65 gal weekly	22.00	2.08	24.08
1-90 gal weekly	27.12	2.57	29.69
Occasional extra unit	3.53	.33	3.86
Other services not listed will increase an average of 9.299%			
Recycling:			
96-gal every-other-week	7.98	2.00	9.98
Other services not listed will increase an average of 25.06%			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Empire Disposal, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the Company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 25, 2013. The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the Commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the Commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

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