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Karma Suchan

Yakima County Solid Waste Division

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**RE: Yakima County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan Preliminary Draft 2017 – Docket TG-161219**

Dear Ms. Suchan:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the 2017 Yakima County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The Plan proposes to increase tip fees in 2017, 2019, and 2022. As a result, there will be a rate increase to customers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Yakima County, as outlined in the table below.

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|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | ***Total*** |
| **Projected Disposal Fees** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Per Ton Disposal Cost | $34.00 | $34.00 | $36.00 | $36.00 | $36.00 | $38.00 |  |
| Per Ton Increase |  $2.00 |  $0.00 |  $2.00 |  $0.00 |  $0.00 |  $2.00 |  $6.00 |
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| **Projected Rate Increases** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Residential* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly rate for one 32-gallon can per week service |  $0.15 |  $0.00 |  $0.15 |  $0.00 |  $0.00 |  $0.15 |  $0.45 |
| *Commercial* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly rate for one-yard per pick-up service |  $0.76 |  $0.00 |  $0.76 |  $0.00 |  $0.00 |  $0.76 |  $2.28 |

Commission Staff reviewed the plan and supports its implementation. Please direct questions or comments to Mike Young at (360) 664-1155 or myoung@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Steve King

Executive Director and Secretary

cc: James Rivard, Department of Ecology, Regional Section Manager