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**RE: Okanogan County's 2024-2029 Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-250277**

Dear Michelle Mulrony:

Thank you for filing Okanogan County's 2024-2029 Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan.

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

The 2024-2029 Plan proposes in Okanogan County, only disposal tipping fees and grants are available for funding waste prevention and there is no projected tip fee increase. The County anticipates increased revenue based on increased tonnage.

The County currently does not offer recycling and yard waste through the regulated haulers. The county offers drop boxes for some recycling materials.

Projected Disposal Fees	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$81.50	\$81.50	\$81.50	\$81.50	\$81.50	\$81.50
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Percentage Increase	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Projected Rate Increases	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Residential</b>						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Commercial</b>						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Plan speaks to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. Under the RCW authority, the County may request a regulated solid waste company to provide discount rates for charges or services to low-income or senior. Currently, the County has not requested such a rate in the Plan. Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for such a rate and believe it may be worth the County to consider requesting discounted rates. We understand that it may not happen in the current Plan but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission Staff has no further comments on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the Commission's Plan review process to Rachel Stark at (360) 664-1272.

Sincerely,

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