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## PROPOSED RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Dear Valued Customer:

This notification is for Stericycle of Washington, Inc. (Stericycle) customers and other interested parties in the state of Washington regarding current rates for waste collection services.

Due to the current inflationary environment, Stericycle has experienced unforeseen, significant cost escalations across our operations. These cost escalations are impacting our labor, supply chain, and transportation costs, and ultimately, our ability to provide service to customers. For over twenty years, despite rising costs and expenditures, Stericycle has managed to largely maintain the same rates for its services. However, given the unavoidable cost escalations in recent years, regrettably, Stericycle now must increase rates for it to continue providing customers with the important waste services needed to support their businesses.

Accordingly, Stericycle has submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) proposed rate increases for its Washington state customers. These proposed rate increases better align with current and projected market conditions and will allow Stericycle to continue to serve customers. Stericycle's filing also includes updates and modifications to some of Stericycle's existing services, including container rationalization, biohazardous waste container rates, a minimum pickup fee, a no waste fee, overweight fees, rates for incineration services, and reusable sharps services. Additionally, the tariff adjustment contains new proposed services to reflect our current service offerings including Sharps Rx Pro, Hazardous Drug Disposal, and Controlled Substance Wastage Disposal.

The proposed changes to existing services implement an overall average rate increase of 14 percent. This includes a minimum pickup fee of \$79.99, which will be charged if the total cost of all containers picked up falls below that amount. If the total cost of the containers exceeds \$79.99, the minimum pickup fee will not apply. Stericycle has requested an effective date of December 31, 2023, for these changes. However, the WUTC has the authority to set final rates or impose other requirements that may vary from the company's request, depending on the results of the WUTC's review of Stericycle's filing.

If you would like to comment on this proposal, it is important for you to do so now. Comments may be submitted in writing or presented at the WUTC's open public meeting. If you have questions, or you would like to be added to the mailing list for this case, you may contact the WUTC at P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250; 1-800-562-6150; comments@wutc.wa.gov; or 360-664-3604 (telefacsimile).

Thank you for being a Stericycle customer. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you while helping you protect the health and well-being of the people and places around you in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact Stericycle at 1-866-783-3155 if you have any questions or simply wish to learn more about our services.

Sincerely,

Your Stericycle Team