

Agenda Date: December 30, 2010
Item Number: B1

Docket: **TG-101810**
Company Name: Excess Disposal, Inc., G-107

Staff: Christopher Mickelson, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Take no action, allowing the revised rates filed by Excess Disposal, Inc., on December 16, 2010, to become effective January 1, 2011, by operation of law.

Discussion

On November 8, 2010, Excess Disposal, Inc., (Excess or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$105,156 (12.7 percent) in additional annual revenue.

The proposed increase in rates will offset disposal fees that increased from \$92.00 per ton to \$100.00 per ton and other operating costs for residential and commercial garbage collection. The company provides regulated service to 933 residential and commercial customers in Pend Oreille County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on January 1, 2007.

Staff's analysis showed a lower revenue requirement for residential and commercial garbage collection than what the company proposed. Staff and the company agreed to a revised revenue requirement of \$97,795 (11.8 percent) in additional annual revenue and lower revised rates. On December 16, 2010, the company filed revised rates at staff recommended levels.

A customer receiving weekly 32-gallon garbage service would pay \$1.72 (10.9 percent) more per month using the revised rates instead of \$1.89 (12.0 percent) more using the original rates the company proposed (see "Bill Comparison – Residential Customer" table below).

Customer Comments

On December 1, 2010, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. The commission received no customer comments on this filing.

Rate Comparison

Residential Monthly Rates	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate
32-Gallon Can Weekly Pick-up	\$15.74	\$17.63	\$17.46
32-Gallon Can Every-Other-Week Pick-up	\$12.15	\$13.61	\$13.48
45-Gallon Can Weekly Pick-up	\$23.80	\$26.66	\$26.41

Commercial Per Pick-up Rates	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate
10-Yard Drop Box (Non-Compacted)	\$58.25	\$65.24	\$64.63
20-Yard Drop Box (Non-Compacted)	\$110.91	\$124.22	\$123.05

Bill Comparison – Residential Customer

Monthly Rates	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate
Total Monthly Bill (32-Gallon Can Weekly)	\$15.74	\$17.63	\$17.46
Increase		12.0%	10.9%

Conclusion

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operation. The company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

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