

Agenda Date: December 29, 2011
Item Number: B3

Docket: TG-111975
Company Name: Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., G-166

Staff: Amy White, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On November 15, 2011, Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc. (Nooksack or company), filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission). The tariff revisions would increase annual revenues for residential garbage and recycling by approximately \$64,000 (10.8 percent) and for commercial garbage by approximately \$43,000 (7.8 percent). The stated effective date is January 1, 2012.

On November 30, 2011, the company mailed notices to its customers which stated that the filing would be heard by the commission at the December 29, 2011 Open Meeting.

On December 5, 2011, the company completed its filing by submitting a paper copy of all work papers as required in WAC 480-07-520. Nooksack also extended the effective date of the filing to February 1, 2012.

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to make comments to the commission in accordance with the customer notice mailed on November 30, 2011. Staff will make its recommendation on this filing at the open meeting on January 26, 2012. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of December 23, 2011.

Rate Comparison

Residential Monthly Rates	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
32-Gallon Can, Weekly Pick-up	\$15.86	\$17.43	9.9%
68-Gallon Cart, Weekly Pick-up	\$22.59	\$24.83	9.9%
68-Gallon Cart, Monthly Pick-up	\$9.10	\$10.00	9.8%
Commercial Per Pick-up Rates			
Commercial Cans	\$3.85	\$4.25	10.4%
1.5-Yard Container	\$25.02	\$27.55	10.1%
2.0-Yard Container	\$30.34	\$33.45	10.2%
25-Yard Drop Box (Non-Compacted)	\$131.20	\$140.70	7.2%

Customer Comments

On November 30, 2011, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. No customer comments have been received to date. Customers are reminded that they may access documents pertinent to this rate case on the commission's website, and that they may contact Pam Smith at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882) or psmith@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

Conclusion

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