



May 23, 2013

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA. 98504-7250

Subject: Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Waste Management – Northwest (G-237); Tariff No. 18

Enclosed herein, you will find new Tariff No.18 for the above-referenced operating division of Waste Management of Washington d/b/a Waste Management – Northwest (“WMNW”). This new tariff reflects the combination of the former tariffs of Waste Management – Northwest (“WMNW”) (Tariff # 17) and Waste Management – Sno-King (“WMSK”) (Tariff #15). The combination of these tariffs was necessary as a result of relocating the operations of the former WMSK operation to the same facility with WMNW. This new tariff generally reflects increases to our residential and commercial garbage collection rates, yard waste collection rates and to our residential recycling collection rates. This new tariff is being filed with a proposed effective date of July 12, 2013.

WMNW and WMSK received their last general rate increases March, 2009 and in June, 2010, respectively. We are requesting adjustments to our rates due to increased maintenance, labor, yard waste processing, fuel and other operating and administrative costs since our last general rate increase. In addition to these increased expenses, the revised rates also reflect the opening of a new facility in Marysville to service our northern Snohomish county routes, as well as a substantial investment at our collection facility in Woodinville to house the former WMNW and WMSK operations and to build the infrastructure to fuel our new CNG trucks.

This new tariff, if approved by the Commission, would increase Company service revenue by approximately \$5,155,000 (8.9%). Residential and Commercial garbage service rates would increase by 12.6%, residential yard waste rates by 9.9% and residential and multi-family recycling rates by .2%, respectively.

Enclosed for your review are one paper and two electronic copies (excel and pdf. format) of our accounting workpapers. Please note that our filing includes certain information that is protected from production as a public record under RCW 42.56.270(1). Sample customer notices are also enclosed. Customer notices will be mailed on or before June 10, 2013. In addition, a copy of this transmittal letter was mailed to both King and Snohomish County on May 23, 2013.

Also enclosed is a “Petition for Rule Exemption”, seeking the Commission’s approval to file Work Papers that vary from a strict interpretation of the general rate filing regulations. This request seeks an exemption for Work Papers similar to that which has been approved by the Commission under exemptions granted to Waste Management of Washington, Inc. in its seven most recent general rate increase filings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael A. Weinstein', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael A. Weinstein
Senior Pricing Manager, Pacific Northwest Market Area

cc: Jeff McMahan
Tim Crosby
Clerk of the Boards, King and Snohomish County Chair