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February 10, 2017

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Attn: Records Section
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Tariff Submittal, Tariff Number 13 for Empire Disposal, Inc. G-75.

Dear Mr. King:

Our Company was notified by the City of Spokane that the tipping fee at the Waste to Energy Plant increased from \$105.36 to \$108.41 per ton, a 2.9% increase, notification attached. We were also notified by Spokane County that the tipping fee at the North County Transfer Station will increase from \$101 to \$104.50 per ton, a 3.5% increase, notification attached. This will increase revenue for the residential customers by \$4,300 (1.2%); commercial customers by \$1,700 (1.4%); and drop box service by \$700 (3.3%) for a 12-month period. There are approximately 1,130 residential, 80 commercial and 3 drop box customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase for Empire Disposal was approved by the Commission, October 1, 2016.

As instructed by the UTC staff during the audit of TG-132227 and TG-132228 the audited calculations have been updated with the increase in tipping fees, no changes to tonnage or customer counts have been made.

Attached are revised pages as well as supporting documentation to justify this increase. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective April 1, 2017. Pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2) (iii), affected customers will receive notification of the change on the first billing reflecting the revision to rates.

We also request that the Commission, on its own Motion under WAC 480-07-370 (b), allow this disposal fee filing as an exception to the general rate case workpaper rule at WAC 480-07-520.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 832-8749, or via email at irmgardw@wcnx.org.

Sincerely,

Heather Garland
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