

Agenda Date: April 26, 2006
Item Number: B2

Docket: TG-060411

Company Name: Rabanco LTD. and Rabanco Recycling, Inc. d/b/a Eastside Disposal Co., Inc. G-12

Staff: Layne Demas, Transportation Program Staff

Recommendation:

Issue a complaint and order suspending the revised rates for solid waste, curbside recycling, multi-family recycling, and yard waste service filed by Eastside Disposal Co., Inc., (Eastside) in Docket TG-060411 and allowing the suspended rates to become effective May 1, 2006, on a temporary basis subject to refund.

Discussion:

On March 16, 2006, Eastside filed revisions to its Tariff No. 11 proposing increased rates for solid waste, curbside recycling, multi-family recycling, and yard waste service to become effective May 1, 2006. Eastside has been in labor contract negotiations with the Teamsters local 174 for some time now. The union members have been working without a contract since April 1, 2006. The company and union negotiators have come to an agreement. The only issue remaining is ratification by the union members. The ratification vote will take place April 29, 2006.

Eastside has filed staff recommended revised rates. The revised rates will generate approximately \$1.2 million dollars of additional revenue. Eastside serves approximately 28,000 residential and 1,100 commercial customers in East King County.

Staff has not determined that the recommended revised rates are fair, just, reasonable, nor sufficient in light of the possible changes in contract labor negotiations. Staff recommends that the commission issue a complaint and order suspending the revised rates filed by Eastside in Docket TG-060411 and allow the suspended rates to become effective May 1, 2006, on a temporary basis subject to refund.