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Docket: **TG-071785**
Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Brem-Air Disposal, G-237

Staff: Layne Demas, Transportation Program Staff
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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time.

Discussion

Today's presentation allows customers or other interested parties to comment on the proposed rates in Docket TG-071785. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on October 10, 2007.

On August 31, 2007, Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Brem-Air Disposal (Brem-Air), filed a general rate increase for solid waste service and rates for a new residential curbside recycling service. Kitsap County ordinance 379-2007 has mandated that a single stream curbside recycling program be implemented by October 1, 2007. Brem-Air serves approximately 42,000 regulated residential and commercial customers in Kitsap County. The last general rate increase has been in effect since 2001. The overall impact of the filing will be approximately \$861,700 (6.56 percent). The major drivers of the proposed revision are increases in labor, benefits and fuel expenses. All other expense categories with the exception of disposal fees have increased at varying levels since the last increase.

The commission has received 14 comments from customers against the proposed increase. A count of issues from these customers is as follows:

Issue	Count of Issues Out of 14 Comments Received
Service quality	2
Object to increase - garbage and/or recycling	12

Rate Comparison

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Residential - monthly rates</u>		
One Mini can per week	\$9.15	\$ 9.20
One 32 gal. can per week	\$11.45	\$12.00
One 35 gal. cart per week	\$12.80	\$13.40
One 64 gal. cart per week	\$16.10	\$16.90
One 96 gal. cart per week	\$20.75	\$21.80
Curbside Recycling	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.05
Commodity credit	\$1.38	\$1.38
Yardwaste (optional)	\$6.75	\$8.15
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Commercial - per Pickup</u>		
One yard container	\$ 9.12	\$ 9.50
Two yard container	\$ 17.13	\$ 17.80
20 Drop box	\$104.10	\$125.00
Monthly rent	\$ 70.15	\$ 62.30

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of Brem-Air's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on the filing in Docket TG-071785 at this time.