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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: Rate Increase Request for **Island Disposal Inc.**
Whidbey Island, Washington

I am writing to voice my concern and dismay regarding the rate increase for Island Disposal, Inc. on Whidbey Island, Washington.

The rate increase suggested is 35% for 1 32-gallon can/week! While I can understand a rate increase for cost of doing business and fuel price increases, I do not understand the high percentage of 35%. Even half of that would still be a generous increase.

While the cost of doing business increases, so does the cost of maintaining a home and putting food on the table and just driving to work. I have never received an increase in salary of 35%, nor would I expect one. I also live in a community where over half the residents are senior citizens on fixed incomes.

I ask that the Utilities Commission reconsider this enormous increase request and bring it down to a fair and equitable amount that we can all live with.

Respectfully,


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Island Disposal Inc

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Dear Customer:

February 28, 2008

Island Disposal Inc. has filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) in an effort to recover increased operating costs including processing of residential garbage, fuel, labor, and equipment. The last general rate increase was in 2002.

If approved, the proposed rates will be effective April 1, 2008. The rate per month will increase as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u> Per Month	<u>Proposed Increase</u> Per Month	<u>Proposed Rate</u> Per Month
Garbage:			
Mini Can	12.32	5.34	17.66
1-32 Gallon Can	15.50	5.53	21.03
2-32 Gallon Can	22.37	5.94	28.31
1-32 Gallon Can Every-Other-Week	12.03	5.32	17.35
1-32 Gallon Can Once per Month	6.48	4.99	11.47
Each Additional Unit	3.37	.21	3.58
Other services not listed increase an average of 6.8%			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact our office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The UTC has the authority to set rates that may vary from the company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. If you would like to comment on this filing, be added to the UTC's mailing list, or have questions about the ratemaking process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment in person at the UTC's open meeting in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on March 13, or by using the "Public Comment" feature at the UTC's web site, at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>. The UTC is scheduled to make a decision at its open meeting on March 27, 2008. If you are unable to attend an open meeting in person, the UTC has a bridge line, which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

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Sincerely,

Management
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