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Company Name: Holt, Eric K, Zachary C, and Keith C, d/b/a Newman Lake Garbage Service, G-171

Staff: Layne Demas, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Take no action, allowing the proposed rates filed by Holt, Eric K, Zachary C, and Keith C, d/b/a Newman Lake Garbage Service to become effective September 1, 2009, by operation of law.

Discussion

On July 17, 2009, Holt, Eric K, Zachary C, and Keith C, d/b/a Newman Lake Garbage Service (Newman Lake or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) revisions to its Tariff No. 5 that would generate approximately \$18,600 (17.3 percent) in additional annual revenue. The tariff revisions propose to increase rates for solid waste collection. Newman Lake serves approximately 400 residential and commercial regulated customers in Northwest Spokane County. The proposed rate revisions are prompted by increases in fuel, insurance, maintenance costs, and capital investment. The previous filing by Newman Lake was effective September 1, 2005.

Customer Comments

On July 24, 2009, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. No customer comments have been received to date.

Rate Comparison

<u>Residential - monthly rates</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Mini-can Per Week	\$12.25	\$14.35
One 32 Gallon Can Per Week	\$16.02	\$18.75
Two 32 Gallon Cans Per Week	\$24.05	\$28.25
<u>Commercial - per pickup</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Two Yard Container	\$27.30	\$32.00

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operations. The company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

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Conclusion

Staff recommends the commission take no action, allowing the proposed rates filed by Holt, Eric K, Zachary C, and Keith C, d/b/a Newman Lake Garbage Service to become effective September 1, 2009, by operation of law.