Agenda Date: September 30, 2010

Item Number: B1

**Docket: TG-101347**

Company Name: Ada-Lin Waste Systems, Inc. dba: Sunshine Disposal & Recycling G-104

Staff: Amy White, Regulatory Analyst

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**Recommendation**

Take no action, thereby allowing the proposed rates to become effective October 1, 2010, by operation of law.

**Discussion**

On August 9, 2010, Ada-Lin Waste Systems, Inc., dba: Sunshine Disposal and Recycling (Ada-Lin or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission tariff revisions for garbage collection and recycling that would generate approximately $69,000 (16.7 percent) in additional revenue per year. The company serves approximately 1,050 customers in Adams, Lincoln, and Whitman counties. The proposed rates are prompted by increases in disposal fees and other operating expenses. The company’s last general rate increase became effective

January 1, 2002.

**Customer comments**

On August 25, 2010, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail. No customer comments have been received on the filing.

**Rate Comparison**

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| **Monthly Rates, Residential**  | **Present** | **Proposed** |
| One Can Weekly Garbage  | $22.35 | $25.00  |
| One Can Every-Other-Week Service  | $13.70 | $16.00 |
| One Can Monthly Garbage  | $9.09 | $10.50  |
| Four Cans Weekly Garbage  | $56.40 | $55.00 |
| Four Cans Every-Other-Week Service  | $32.39 | $31.00 |
| Four Cans Weekly Garbage  | $17.96 | $21.00 |

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| **Monthly Rates, Commercial**  | **Present** | **Proposed** |
| One-Yard Container, Rental and First Pickup | $35.57 | $41.50  |
| One-Yard Container, Each Additional Pickup | $25.57 | $29.50  |
| Two-Yard Container, Rental and First Pickup | $43.72 | $51.50  |
| Two-Yard Container, Each Additional Pickup | $33.72 | $39.50 |

 **Average Customer Charge Comparison – Every-Other-Week Service**

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| **Monthly Rates, Residential Single Family** | **Present** | **Proposed** |
| One Can Every-Other-Week Service  | $13.70 | $16.00 |
|  Percent Change |  | 16.7% |
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| Four Cans Every-Other-Week Service  | 32.39 | $31.00 |
|  Percent Change  |  | (4.3%) |
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| **Monthly Rates, Commercial**  | **Present** | **Proposed** |
| One-Yard Container, Rental plus Weekly Pickups | $112.28 | $130.00 |
|  |  | 15.8% |
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| Two-Yard Container, Rental plus Weekly Pickups | $144.88 | $170.00 |
|  |  | 17.3% |

Staff has completed its review of the company’s supporting documents, books, and financial records. Staff’s review shows that the expenses are required and reasonable for the company’s operations. The company’s financial information supports the proposed rates which are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

**Conclusion**

Take no action, thereby allowing the proposed rates to become effective October 1, 2010, by operation of law.