

Yakima Waste Services, Inc.

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August 11, 2023

Ms. Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE,
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Tariff Submittal – General Rate Case - Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. G-89.

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Attached please find revised pages for Tariff Number 12, for Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. G-89.

With this filing, we respectfully request the Commission approve a general rate increase to recover new capital, higher costs of employee wages, benefits, fuel and general operating costs. The impact of providing more customers with carts, who currently have customer owned cans, and changing a portion of residential customers who have 1.5 yard containers to 96 gallon company provided carts, is also intended to be recovered with this filing.

The revenue requirement is proposed as follows: Residential service \$706,833, 25.26%; commercial service \$98,000, 1.4%; roll-off service \$243,700, 9.5%; residential recycling service (\$53,400), (10.3%); and yard waste service 15,000, 17.7%. There are approximately 15,165 residential; 8,000 commercial; 430 roll-off; 3,300 residential recycling; and 700 yard waste customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by The Commission for Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. became effective August 1, 2022.

Attached are the proposed tariff pages containing the increased rates, as well as supporting documentation for those changes. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they are intended to become effective on October 1, 2023.

Included in this filing is confidential information. To protect certain non-regulated proprietary information we are filing a portion of this filing as confidential, and are filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-160.

A rate increase notification letter will be mailed to all customers affected by these proposed changes no later than August 15, 2023. A notice letter will also be delivered on or before August 15, 2023 to the office of the Yakima County Council Chair.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 448-6954, or at brian.vandenburg@wasteconnections.com.

Sincerely,

Brian Vandenburg

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