BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-021009
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING
Complainant,)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS;
v.)	GRANTING TARIFF REVISIONS
)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF)	
WASHINGTON, INC., G-237)	
)	
Respondent.)	
)	

BACKGROUND

- On August 5, 2002, Waste Management of Washington (Waste Management) filed with the Commission a new Tariff No. 20 replacing its currently effective Tariff 19 (Waste Management-Rainier), Tariff 18 (Nick Raffo Garbage Co., Inc.) and Tariff 4 (R.S.T. Disposal Co., Inc.).
- On September 25, 2002, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just and reasonable.
- Staff completed its review of the Waste Management's operations and found that the originally proposed rates were excessive. The originally proposed rates generated an increase of \$1,521,000 in revenue (10.00 %). The Company has filed revised rates at the Staff recommended level of approximately \$1,200,000 (7.89%).

FINDINGS

- 4 (1) Waste Management is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (2) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are excessive. However, the Staff recommended revised rates are fair, just, and reasonable.

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6 (3) It is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in this docket and to grant the Staff recommended revised rates in Waste Management's New Tariff No. 20, effective on November 16, 2002.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) The Commission dismisses the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in this docket, dated September 25, 2002.
- 8 (2) The Staff recommended revised rates tariff revisions filed in this docket on November 8, 2002, shall be effective on November 16, 2002.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 15th day of November, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner