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**Docket:** **TG-070525**  
Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of  
Greater Wenatchee, G-237

Staff: Layne Demas, Transportation Program Staff  
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**Recommendation:**

Take no action on this filing at this time.

**Background:**

Today's presentation is to allow customers or other parties to comment on the proposed rates in Docket TG-070525. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the April 27, 2007, open meeting.

On March 15, 2007, Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of Greater Wenatchee, G-237 (Greater Wenatchee or company) filed a general rate increase for solid waste service. The company serves approximately 12,500 customers in the parts of Douglas, Chelan, and Grant counties. The last general rate increase has been in effect since November 2001. The overall impact of the filing will be approximately \$748,000 (15.4%). The major drivers of the proposed revision is an increase in tipping fees at the Wenatchee transfer station from \$16.33 to \$19.30 per yard and at the Greater Wenatchee Landfill from \$13.67 to \$15.86 per yard. Also contributing to the proposed increase are increased labor and benefit costs and high fuel costs in the test period.

Seventeen customers commented on this filing. Fifteen are opposed, saying the proposed increase is too drastic and rates are already too high. Several of these customers said they are seniors on fixed incomes, and the increase will be hard on them. One customer said she understands the need for an increase. One customer feels the garbage rates should be structured so that recycling can be provided for free.

The current and proposed rates are shown below:

	<b>Present Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
<b>Residential - monthly rate</b>		
Mini can	\$ 6.10	\$ 7.40
One 32 gal. can per week	\$ 7.90	\$ 9.50
One 64 gal toter per week	\$12.70	\$15.30
One 96 gal. toter per week	\$16.30	\$19.60
<b>Commercial - per pickup</b>		
One yard container	\$11.30	\$13.80
Two yard container	\$17.80	\$21.70
	<b>Present Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
Dropbox per haul		
15-50 yard	\$101.70	\$106.90

**Conclusion:**

Take no action on the filing in Docket TG-070525 at this time.