Agenda Date: September 30, 2010

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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

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

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

<u>Average Customer Charge Comparison – Every-Other-Week Service</u>

Monthly Rates, Residential Single Family	Present	Proposed
One Can Every-Other-Week Service	\$13.70	\$16.00
Percent Change		16.7%
Four Cans Every-Other-Week Service	32.39	\$31.00
Percent Change		(4.3%)

Monthly Rates, Commercial	Present	Proposed
One-Yard Container, Rental plus Weekly Pickups	\$112.28	\$130.00
		15.8%
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.