

Agenda Date: December 19, 2024  
Item Number: F16

**Docket:** TG-240919  
Company Name: Gary's Garbage Services, LLC

Staff: Mike Young, Regulatory Services  
Kris Irelan, Consumer Protection Staff

### **Recommendation**

Take no action, thereby allowing the Tariff pages filed by Gary's Garbage Services, LLC, on November 15, 2024, as revised on December 11, 2024, to take effect January 1, 2025, by operation of law.

### **Background**

On September 4, 2024, Gary's Garbage Services, LLC, (Gary's or Company), filed for rate increases as Tariff No. 4 replacing Tariff No. 3 with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that would generate approximately \$47,000 (14.5percent) in additional annual revenue. The Company provides solid waste collection services to approximately 340 customers in Pend Orielle County. The Company's last general rate case took effect September 1, 2022.

### **Discussion**

The proposed increase is a result of increasing premiums for health, property, and vehicle insurance plans, fuel costs, and significant repairs to the Company's primary vehicle. Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the Company's books and records and made minor adjustments to expenses. Staff also made some corrections to the Company's depreciation and average investment calculations.

Commission staff and the Company agreed upon a revised revenue requirement of \$44,000 (13.6 percent) additional annual revenue and the Company filed revised tariff pages at the agreed upon rates. Staff believes the revised rates are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

### **Rate Comparison**

Service	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Revised Rates	Increase/Decrease
32 Gal. Cans Weekly Garbage	\$ 24.84	\$ 28.62	\$ 28.21	13.6%
2 X 32 Gal. Cans Weekly Garbage	\$ 34.85	\$ 40.15	\$ 39.57	13.5%
32 Gallon Extras, per pickup	\$ 8.58	\$ 9.89	\$ 9.74	13.5%
1 Yard, per pickup	\$ 27.34	\$ 31.50	\$ 31.05	13.6%
30 Yard drop box pick up	\$290.61	\$334.82	\$330.00	13.6%

### **Customer Comments**

On September 4, 2024, the Company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. Staff received one consumer comment against the initial proposed rate increase. If approved, the proposed rates will become effective on January 1, 2025.

Customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission's website, and that they may contact Kris Irelan at 1-888-333-9882 or kris.irelan@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

### **Conclusion**

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