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**Allied Waste of Lynnwood Proposed Commodity Revenue Sharing
Enhancement Plan for Snohomish County
Sept 1, 2006 – Aug 31, 2007**

As authorized by RCW 81.77.185, Allied Waste of Lynnwood is seeking approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to continue retaining 30% of the commodity value revenues for the 2006 plan year (Sept 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007). The program enhancements contained in this plan have been developed in partnership with Snohomish County with the intent of increasing recycling from single family homes in the Lynnwood service area.

1. Maintain and update the Allied Waste of Lynnwood website.

Allied Waste of Lynnwood will maintain and update the website so that it includes accurate information about collection service levels throughout Snohomish County areas managed by Allied Waste of Lynnwood, including both unincorporated areas and cities.

Schedule:

- Review with Snohomish County staff by Dec 1, 2006
- Finalize by Jan 1, 2007

2. Food waste in yard waste containers

Allied Waste of Lynnwood, in cooperation with Snohomish County, will develop and implement a program to provide vegetative food waste collection to single-family yard waste subscribers in the Allied Waste of Lynnwood service area. Because of concerns about odors and vectors, the service will be limited to those customers using company-provided yard waste containers. Approximately 7,300 out of 9,900 yard waste customers currently use company-provided containers.

Schedule:

November 30, 2006 -- Finalize implementation plan, including:

- Development of educational materials for customers with company carts
- Development of educational materials for customers without company carts
- Strategy for informing remainder of customer base
- County review of all educational materials

January 1, 2007 – Educational materials distributed to customers

January 15, 2007– Begin service

3. Removal of yard waste from solid waste.

- a) Allied Waste of Lynnwood will embark on a concentrated education effort to educate its customers in the proper separation of yard waste from the garbage

stream. Allied Waste of Lynnwood will promote this message through a combination of mailings and/or distribution of can hangers. The targeted time period will be in early spring and early fall in order to coincide with the heaviest yard waste disposal months. In addition Allied Waste of Lynnwood will monitor customers who dispose of large quantities of yard debris with their solid waste. Certain customer education steps will be followed to encourage yard waste service sign-ups. If a driver finds yard waste in the garbage container the driver will dump the garbage and leave a note for the customer to call the office. The driver will make a notation on the route sheet and customer service will contact the customer and suggest yard waste service. A route sheet notation will also be made so that customer service can re-contact the customer and request yard waste subscription. Customer service will track the number of new customer sign-ups as a means of evaluating this promotional effort.

4. Improvement in resolving glass contamination issues.

Allied Waste of Lynnwood will continue to work with its affiliated company, Rabanco Recycling, to find ways to keep glass particles out of the recycled paper stream. In the past two years the company has made substantial investment in additional trommel screens and other plant equipment. Rabanco Recycling will continue to market high quality recycle products.

5. Additional promotional efforts.

Allied Waste of Lynnwood will undertake two separate mass customer information promotional distributions, one in the early Spring of 2007 and one in the Summer of 2007. The promotion will stress the benefits of recycling including the message of saving money by recycling more and downsizing garbage service levels. The promotional message will be developed in cooperation with County staff. The information will also promote the concept of first reducing the amount of waste generated in addition to the importance of recycling. For this item, the evaluation criteria will be completing the two mass promotional distributions in 2007.

6. Model for conversion to weekly organics collection.

Allied Waste of Lynnwood will develop a model identifying the ratepayer cost involved in shifting yard waste collection to once a week such that food waste could be added as a collection service. The results of the model calculations will be shared with County staff. Successful completion of this item includes meeting the proposed timeline and allowing time for review by WUTC staff.

Schedule:

Submit draft to Snohomish County by January 31, 2007

7. Drop Box recyclables diversion program.

Drop box drivers will be trained and instructed to inform the gate staff at Snohomish County transfer stations if they are carrying a load that contains a significant quantity of a recyclable product, so that it can possibly be diverted, segregated from the rest of the load, and recycled.

8. Program to convert Snohomish County customers who currently self-haul to Snohomish County transfer stations, to regular subscription service.

Allied Waste of Lynnwood will work with Snohomish County Public Works staff to design and implement an educational program targeted to customers who currently self haul garbage to the local transfer station. AW of Lynnwood to submit draft educational program to Snohomish County staff by Dec. 1, 2006. In addition, Allied Waste and County staff will explore the possibility of Allied offering additional services in order to reduce the number of customers self-hauling to County facilities and to increase recycling by these customers.


Data Collection and Evaluation.

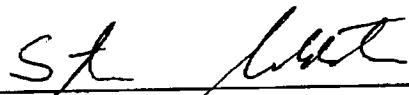
-Provide monthly reporting of tonnages, customer counts, and commodity values.

-A report containing data for evaluating overall success of this program will be provided by Allied Waste of Lynnwood to Snohomish County and WUTC no later than July 1, 2007.

Follow-on after August 31, 2007.

It is the intention of both parties that this program be continued in 2007, subject to modification by mutual agreement. Snohomish County recommends that Allied Waste of Lynnwood retain 30% of revenues for implementation of 2006/2007 programs. During 2007, Snohomish County will evaluate the success of the components of this program. If Snohomish County is satisfied that all elements of the agreement have been implemented in 2007, it will recommend to the WUTC that revenue sharing be continued in 2008 at the full 30% level.

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