

Agenda Date: August 29, 2019  
Item Number: B3

**Docket:** TG-190618  
Company Name: Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal

Staff: Tiffany Van Meter, Regulatory Analyst  
John Cupp, Consumer Protection Staff

**Recommendation:**

Take no action, thereby allowing the tariff pages filed on July 17, 2019, by Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal, as revised on August 26, 2019, to take effect September 1, 2019, by operation of law.

**Discussion**

On July 17, 2019, Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal, (Eastside Disposal or company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) a proposal for a general rate increase generating approximately \$287,000 (4.5 percent) in additional annual revenue, to become effective September 1, 2019. The proposed increases are prompted by increased disposal fees, employee wages and benefits, fuel, recovery of newly purchased operating assets and other general operating expenses. The company provides service to approximately 30,000 garbage and recycling customers in King County. The company's last general rate filing was for \$449,200 (8.2 percent) additional annual revenue and became effective April 1, 2015.

Commission staff (staff) has completed its review of the filing and found that the proposed rates were slightly excessive. Staff made a few adjustments for unallowable expenses. These adjustments resulted in \$248,014 (3.9 percent) additional annual revenue. The company agreed with staff's changes and filed revised tariff pages on August 26, 2019, at the agreed upon rates.

**Residential Rate Comparison**

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Increase
64 Gallon Toter Weekly Garbage	\$22.42	\$22.99	\$22.85	1.9%
Recycling – Every Other Week	\$10.23	\$11.26	\$11.24	9.9%
Yard waste – Every Other Week	\$10.23	\$10.26	\$10.25	0.2%

**Commercial Rate Comparison**

<b>Per Pickup Rate</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Revised Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>2-Yard per Pick-up</b>	\$33.20	\$34.21	\$33.84	1.9%
<b>6-Yard per Pick-up</b>	\$93.24	\$96.07	\$95.04	1.9%

Staff has completed its review of the company's financial books and records and finds the revised rates to be fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

**Customer Comments**

The company notified its customers by mail of the proposed rate increase. Customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the commission's website, and that they may contact John Cupp at 1-888-333-9882 or john.cupp@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns. Staff received no consumer comments to the proposed rate increase.

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