

Agenda Date: July 30, 2020  
Item Number: B1

**Docket:** TG-200537  
Company Name: Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC

Staff: Greg Hammond, Regulatory Analyst  
John Cupp, Consumer Protection Staff

**Recommendation**

Take no action, thereby allowing the tariff revisions filed by Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC on June 11, 2020, as revised on July 21, 2020, to become effective August 1, 2020, by operation of law.

**Discussion**

On June 11, 2020, Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC (Stanley's or company), filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) that would generate approximately \$65,000 (13.2 percent) additional annual revenue. The company provides garbage service to approximately 870 residential customers and 95 commercial customers in Wahkiakum County.

The proposed increase is driven primarily by investment in new assets and increased tipping fees, along with increases in insurance, wages, taxes, and other operating expenses. The company's last general rate increase became effective September 1, 2013.

Staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review found that the proposed rates would result in excess revenue. After adjustments, the company and staff have agreed on a revised revenue requirement of approximately \$60,000 (12.2 percent). On July 21, 2020, the company submitted revised pages at staff recommended levels. Staff believes the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

**Rate Comparison**

<b>Residential Monthly Service</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
32-Gallon Can - Weekly Pickup	\$24.39	\$27.38	12.2%
64-Gallon Cart – Weekly Pickup	\$29.41	\$33.01	12.2%
96-Gallon Cart – Weekly Pickup	\$35.07	\$39.36	12.2%
<b>Commercial Per Pick-Up Rates</b>			
32-Gallon Can	\$5.69	\$6.39	12.2%
1.5-Yard Container, Per Pick-Up	\$33.93	\$38.08	12.2%
30-Yard Drop Box, Per Pickup	\$205.49	\$230.65	12.2%

### **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 one consumer comment in favor of the rate increase and one with questions.

The customer in support of the increase stated, “for the past twenty-five years we have enjoyed timely and excellent service.” The other customer contacted staff with questions about staff’s involvement in the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles. Staff explained that the commission encourages fuel efficiency, however the choice of vehicles is a company decision.

### **Conclusion**

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