

Agenda Date: August 29, 2013
Item Number: B3

Docket: TG-131262
Company Name: Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC

Staff: Brett P. Shearer, Regulatory Analyst
John Cupp, Consumer Protection Staff

Recommendation

Allow the Tariff Revisions filed by Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC on July 3, 2013, as revised on August 9, 2013, to become effective September 1, 2013, by operation of law.

Discussion

On July 3, 2013, Stanley's Sanitary Service, LLC (Stanley's or company), filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) that would generate approximately \$36,000 (12 percent) additional annual revenue. The company filed revised pages to correct clerical and technical errors in the proposed tariff pages on August 9, 2013.

The proposed increases are driven primarily by increases in wages, fuel, insurance, taxes, and other operating expenses. Multiple commercial accounts have also closed or reduced service. The company serves approximately 650 customers in Wahkiakum County. The company's last general rate increase became effective February 1, 2008.

Staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operations.

Rate Comparison

Residential Monthly Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
One 32-Gallon Can - Weekly Pickup	\$21.14	\$23.68	12%
Two 32-Gallon Cans – Weekly Pickup	\$24.80	\$27.78	12%
One 64-Gallon Cart – Weekly Pickup	\$26.05	\$29.18	12%
One 96-Gallon Cart – Weekly Pickup	\$30.04	\$33.64	12%
Commercial Per Pick-Up Rates			
32-Gallon Can	\$4.94	\$5.53	12%
1.5-Yard Container, Per Pick-Up	\$29.21	\$32.72	12%
30-Yard Drop Box, Per Pickup	\$183.47	\$205.49	12%

Customer Comments

On July 25, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. No comments have been received.

Conclusion

Staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operations. The company's financial information supports the proposed revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient. Therefore, staff recommends that the commission:

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