

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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[Company Name Address City, State, Zip]

Re: Solid Waste Regulatory Fee - Docket # A-140166

The Utilities and Transportation Commission is proposing an increase to the Solid Waste regulatory fee per RCW 81.77.080. State law requires the UTC set and impose regulatory fees sufficient to pay the reasonable costs of regulating public service companies subject to commission jurisdiction.

Fees in this industry have been below the expenditures for regulation for four of the last five years. The last time the UTC increased the Solid Waste regulatory fee was 2011. Commission staff have reviewed the proposed increase and determined that it will sufficiently cover the cost of regulating the Solid Waste industry.

If adopted, the solid waste regulatory fee will increase from 0.4275 percent to 0.51 percent of gross operating revenue. The statutory maximum for regulatory fees in the solid waste industry class is 1 percent.

The fee will be effective for annual report filings due May 1, 2017.

The commission will hear comments about this fee adjustment at its regularly scheduled open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at UTC headquarters in Olympia, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW. A conference line for the meeting will be available at (360) 664-3846.

If you have questions, please contact Sean Bennett at (360) 664-1157 or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Steve King

Executive Director and Secretary