June 23, 2016

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**RE: Jefferson County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Revised Cost**

**Assessment Questionnaire TG-160343**

Dear Mr. Boatman:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has completed its review of the revised cost assessment questionnaire for the preliminary draft of the Jefferson County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan), submitted May 20, 2016. The county revised the cost assessment questionnaire in the Plan due to a mistake in the way that future tipping fee increases were originally shown.

The revised cost assessment questionnaire in the 2016 – 2021 Plan proposes to increase tip fees from 2016 to 2019. As a result, there will be a rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Jefferson County.

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|  | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **Total** |
| **Projected Disposal Fees** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Per Ton Disposal Cost | $151.30 | $155.08 | $158.96 | $162.93 | $162.93 | $162.93 |  |
| Per Ton Increase | $3.69 | $3.78 | $3.88 | $3.97 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $15.32 |
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| **Projected Rate Increases** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly rate for one 32-gallon can per week service | $0.27 | $0.28 | $0.29 | $0.29 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $1.13 |
| Commercial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly rate for one-yard per pick up service | $1.40 | $1.43 | $1.47 | $1.51 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $5.81 |

Staff has no further comment on the revised cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Ann LaRue at 360-664-1245 or by email at [ann.larue@utc.wa.gov](mailto:ann.larue@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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