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Docket: TG-220099
Company Name: Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Sea-Tac Disposal Company

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Recommendation

Take no action allowing the tariff revisions filed by Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Sea-Tac Disposal Company on February 14, 2022, and revised on March 14, 2022, to go into effect April 1, 2022.

Discussion

On February 14, 2022, Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Sea-Tac Disposal Company (Sea-Tac or Company), filed tariff revisions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that would generate approximately \$329,370 (10.88 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed increase is prompted by increased expenses for labor, fuel, and other operating and administrative costs. The Company serves approximately 11,000 customers in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective August 1, 2019.

Commission staff (Staff) has completed their review of the Company's filing and financial records and have come to an agreement with the company that the appropriate amount is \$241,111 (7.97 percent) additional annual revenue. The difference between the Company's original proposal and the agreed upon rates is revisions to the pro forma payroll calculation, the changes to the application of specific allocation factors, and revisions to depreciation and investment. Staff believes the rates resulting in this case are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

The rate design Staff calculated removes the container rental charge for residential service and wraps the costs into the service rates. The table below compares current, company proposed, and agreed upon rates.

	Current Tariff	Company Proposed	Revised Rate	Percentage Increase
Residential MSW				
64 Gallon Toter	\$28.64	\$31.27	\$32.51	13.5%
64 Toter Rent	\$1.92	\$2.11	\$0.00	(100%)
Residential Recycling				
96 Gallon Toter	\$8.79	\$10.17	\$9.87	12.28%
Residential Yardwaste				
96 Gallon Toter	\$12.00	\$13.44	\$13.07	8.9%
96 Gallon Rent	\$1.72	\$1.93	\$0.00	(100%)

Note: The percentage increase reflects the combination of the GRC increase and the toter rent into the service rate, thus the percentage shows higher than 7.97 percent, but the rent decreases 100 percent.

Customer Comments

On February 28, the Company notified its customers by mail of the proposed rate increase. Staff received no customer comments; however, the King County Solid Waste Division provided a letter addressing various issues that apply to all certificated haulers serving within its borders.

Conclusion

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