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*Copy to WA Utilities Commission
in regard to Island
Disposal Rate increase*

Dear Service Provider;

I recently received your proposed rate increases. While I am well aware of the increases in fuel costs and other associated costs of doing business, I have to question the proposed rate increase structure. I have been using the one pick up (of 32 Gallon can) per month. I realize that the administrative costs have to be somewhat averaged out. However, if at least part of the idea is to encourage people to reduce the amount of trash they produce, either by using less, or recycling more, your rate proposal does the opposite.

Currently I pay 6.48 per monthly pick up of one can, and for additional cans I pay an additional 3.37.

A once weekly pick up pays 3.46 per pick up. You must also take into account that about half the months in a year have 5 weeks in them so my service is comprehensively less.

Under your proposal, a weekly pick up will pay 4.85 per pick up (an increase of 40%.)

A monthly pick up for one can per month would increase to 11.47 (a 77% increase.)

This does not even address the issue of 2 can per week users, who are paying half of the extra can fee for everyone else.

I resent having to, in effect; subsidize heavier users of the system. It leaves me no other alternative than to consider upping my number of pick-ups per months, since I would be paying close to the bi-weekly rate, which would allow me to create even more waste.

I don't think this is the effect you are going for. Did no one do the math?

I realize rates must go up as the cost of everything is going up, and I would hate to see a vital business not be able to survive. Perhaps the increase could be re-figured more equitably, with a goal of encouraging people to reduce waste, instead of increasing it.

Sincerely,
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