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June 18, 2009

David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 200 JUN 23 FT

RE: Blaine Bay Refuse Tariff Filing G-145 – General rate increase request- Docket # TG-090901

Dear Mr. Danner:

Attached are the customer notices that will be sent to our customers on June 23, 2009. Please add these to original filing dated June 12, 2009, docket # TG-090901.

These customer notices were not attached to the original filing.

This meets the necessary requirement that we send a copy of the customer notices issued in compliance with the provisions of WAC 480-70-271.

Sincerely,

/Ed Nikula/

Edward Nikula Vice President

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# Blaine Bay Refuse (operated by SSC)

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**July 1, 2009** 

Dear Valued Commercial/Multi-family Customer:

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with garbage and recycling collection services. This notice is to inform you of a proposed increase in the garbage and recycling collection portions of your bill. This will be the first general rate increase in more than three years. Since 2006, costs for employee hourly wage, health, welfare and pensions have increased substantially and made it necessary for us to request this rate adjustment.

Since SSC acquired BBR last year, we have been working to correct deficits resulting from this lengthy time span between rate adjustments. We work hard to keep rates low, in part, by reviewing and adjusting rates on a regular basis. We apologize for the magnitude of this rate adjustment and do not anticipate a rate increase of this size again. It is our goal to provide customers with quality collection services at the lowest possible costs. We will strive to keep your rates as low as possible in the future. For questions or more information, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or ssc@ssc-inc.com. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

> Sincerely. Paul Razore, President SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

## Notice of Change in Commercial/Multi-Family Rates

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) has filed a request for a change in commercial/multi-family garbage and recycling rates with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC). Proposed rates for the most common services are listed below. If you do not have weekly garbage collection service, and you would like to know the proposed rate, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or by email at ssc@ssc-inc.com. The total rate increase is approximately 9.0% depending on your service. The actual rates, if approved by the UTC, may either be higher or lower than those proposed. If this request is approved by the UTC, the new rates would become effective August 1, 2009, and would apply to all commercial/multi-family collection customers in unincorporated Whatcom County.

Garbage Service Weekly Collection			<b>NEW RATE</b> Billing is Monthly	Recycling Com (effective Ju	
60-gal. Toter™ 90-gal. Toter™ 1-yard Container 1.5-yard Container	\$ 81.67/mo.		\$6.22/mo, (min. \$26.93) \$ 68.50/mo.	Multi-Family C Billing is <b>OLD RATE</b> \$1.73/yd.	ustomers Only Monthly <b>NEW RATE</b> \$ .34/yd.
2-yard Container 3-yard Container 4-yard Container 6-yard Container 8-yard Container 20-yard Drop Box	\$160.14/mo. \$207.49/mo. \$303.48/mo. \$397.77/mo. \$ 96.90/mo. \$100.30/mo.		\$171.16/mo. \$221.91/mo. \$324.57/mo. \$425.38/mo. \$156.90/mo. \$161.05/mo.	per pick-up  FoodPlus! Recycling Service Yard Debris • Food • Compostable Papers  Every-other-week Collection  Billing is Quarterly  60-gal Toter  OLD RATE  NEW RATE	
30-yard Drop Box  Recycle Service – Multi-fa  Less than 1-yd. Conta  1-yd. Container (& lar	mily customers only. Rate ner \$1.91/yd.	s are	보통 등 배통 등 다. 노행동 <u>그</u> 그 하는 사이트 등 하다. 그는 다	\$8.00/mo.  Recycling services	\$10.70/mo.

ecycling services are not taxed.

Rates above are for garbage service and do not include applicable taxes or recycling charges for multi-family accounts. If you do not have weekly garbage collection service, and you would like to know the proposed rate, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or by email at: ssc@ssc-inc.com. \*Customer-supplied and maintained

### To Comment

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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC)

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### INFORMATION ENCLOSED.

BBR Commrecial Garbage Rate Notice - 7/09



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condition to charity.

reusable bags. Use your own water bottle. Pack

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Year-round

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at right. For a complete list of ALL items we accept for

recycling visit ssc-inc.com

You Can Compost - Join the more than 5,500

FoodPlus! Recycling customers currently saving

stations. New! Expanded plastics recycling - see list

plastics, both at the curb and through our transfer

Recycle All You Can - From papers to



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Cups, Jars, Tubs, Pails, Buckets & Lids **Bottles, Jugs & Caps** 

soil amendment. One Toter for

yard debris, food scraps and

compostable papers and plastics like napkins, pizza

ooxes, milk cartons and bio-plastics. Every-other-

week pick-up.

supporting our local economy and helping produce a quality

money on their garbage bill,

Remove lids and caps. Rinse CLEAN and recycle loose or nested ogether. Flatten bottles

Recycle these types of plastic containers:

container or reduce the frequency of pick-up. We offer

monthly and every-other-week service in addition

veekly pick-up.

collection. If your garbage container(s) is not full on

pick-up day, consider downsizing to a smaller

container sizes and service options for garbage

Garbage Options — We offer a variety of

Bonus Tip - Sign up for Auto Pay service. Save

lime – and money. No stamp or envelope needed.

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kitchen, laundry & garage), snack Beverage, dairy, deli, sauce/ soap, detergent, cleaning condiment, cooking oil,

medicine, single-serve cold beverage cups/lids, rozen food, storage/freezer, hair/body care, not beverage lids, caps and rings. Tableware/Utensils, Pipe, Toys, Foam Rubber, Insulation or plastic containers that held potentially hazardous products such as motor oil, antifreeze or paint.

buuted on 100% bost-consumer waste recycled paper (max. bucket size - 1 gal. with metal handles removed) All colors & numbers accepted. Labels OK

Plastic Pumps, Styrofoam™, Ş









Reduce Waste — Watch what you throw away.

Garbage Bill -On Your

composted to those lower cost services. Choose

Divert all recyclables and items that can be

products with little or no packaging. Buy quality

products that are built to last.

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July 1, 2009

### **Dear Valued Residential Customer:**

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with garbage and recycling collection services. This notice is to inform you of a proposed increase in the garbage and recycling collection portions of your bill. This will be the first general rate increase in more than three years. Since 2006, costs for employee hourly wage, health, welfare and pensions have increased substantially and made it necessary for us to request this rate adjustment.

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Sincerely, Paul Razore, President SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

### Notice of Change in Residential Garbage and Recycling Rates\_

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) has filed a request for a change in residential garbage and recycling rates with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC). Proposed rates for the most common services are listed below. If your service is not listed, and you would like to know the proposed rate, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or by email at ssc@ssc-inc.com. The total rate increase is approximately 20.0% depending on your service. The actual rates, if approved by the UTC, may either be higher or lower than those proposed. If this request is approved by the UTC, the new rates would become effective August 1, 2009, and would apply to all residential customers in unincorporated Whatcom County.

	Garbage Se	rvice	
Service Level		OLD RATE	NEW RATE
Billing is Quarterly	(every 3 months)	Monthly Charge	Monthly Charge
60-gal. Toter™ — weekly		\$14.66/mo	\$16.71/mo.
	– every-other-week	\$ 8.53/mo	\$ 9.80/mo.
	- monthly	\$ 5.28/mo	\$ 6.28/mo.
90-gal. Toter™	— weekly	\$25.15/mo	\$26.36/mo.
	– every-other-week	\$13.95/mo	\$14.64/mo.
	- monthly	\$ 8.53/mo	\$ 8.95/mo.
	– weekly	\$ 7.65/mo <b>.</b>	\$10.15/mo.
	– every-other-week	\$ 4.78/mo	\$ 6.31/mo.
	– monthly	\$ 2.74/mo	\$ 4.18/mo.
32-gal. Can	— weekly	\$10.76/mo	\$12.41/mo.
	– every-other-week	\$ 7.48/mo	\$ 7.42/mo.
	– monthly	\$ 3.21/mo	\$ 4.74/mo.
Two 32-gal. Ca	ns — weekly	\$15.42/mo	\$17.29/mo.

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Rates above are for garbage service only. They do not include charges for every-other-week stack 3-bin recycling service or applicable taxes.

### **Stack 3-Bin Recycling**

Every-other-week pick-up
OLD RATE NEW RATE
\$2.85/mo. \$3.99/mo.
Stack 3-Bin Recycling Only
\$3.85/mo. \$4.99/mo.

## Recycling Commodity Charge (effective July 1, 2009)

**OLD RATE NEW RATE** \$ .33/mo. \$ .15/mo.

FoodPlus! Recycling Service
Yard Debris • Food • Compostable Papers
Every-other-week pick-up • 60-gal Toter™

OLD RATE NEW RATE
\$8.00/mo. \$10.70/mo.
FoodPlus! Recycling Only
\$8.00/mo. \$11.70/mo.

Billing is quarterly. Recycling services are not taxed.

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### INFORMATION Enclosed!

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Every-other-week service

**Year-round** 

Low rates

 Commercial service also available



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(max. bucket size - 1 gal. with metal handles removed) Cups, Jars, Tubs, Pails, Buckets & Lids Bottles, Jugs & Caps

All colors & numbers accepted. Labels OK Remove lids and caps. Rinse CLEAN and recycle loose or nested together. Flatten bottles

Recycle these types of plastic containers:

kitchen, laundry & garage), snack Beverage, dairy, deli, sauce/ soap, detergent, cleaning condiment, cooking oil,

not beverage lids, caps and rings. Plastic Pumps, Styrofoam 身

medicine, single-serve cold beverage cups/lids, rozen food, storage/freezer, hair/body care,

Tableware/Utensils, Pipe, Toys, Foam Rubber, Insulation or plastic containers that held potentially hazardous products such as motor oil, antifreeze or paint.

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at right. For a complete list of ALL items we accept for container or reduce the frequency of pick-up. We offer soil amendment. One Toter for supporting our local economy and helping produce a quality stations. New! Expanded plastics recycling - see list You Can Compost — Join the more than 5,500 Bonus Tip - Sign up for Auto Pay service. Save yard debris, food scraps and compostable papers and plastics like napkins, pizza Reduce Waste — Watch what you throw away. monthly and every-other-week service in addition to money on their garbage bill, collection. If your garbage container(s) is not full on time - and money. No stamp or envelope needed. unch in reusable containers. Donate items in good Reuse Is The Best Use — Bring your own plastics, both at the curb and through our transfer boxes, milk cartons and bio-plastics. Every-otherreusable bags. Use your own water bottle. Pack composted to those lower cost services. Choose FoodPlus! Recycling customers currently saving products with little or no packaging. Buy quality container sizes and service options for garbage Recycle All You Can – From papers to **Garbage Options** — We offer a variety of pick-up day, consider downsizing to a smaller Sanitary Service Con 360.734.3490 ssc-inc.com Divert all recyclables and items that can be Garbage Bill products that are built to last. recycling visit ssc-inc.com condition to charity. weekly pick-up. week pick-up.