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Mr. McKee,

Thank you for your call regarding solid waste regulation and how it relates to Trashbusters Rubbish Company, LLC that holds a solid waste collection company certificate G-256.

As I explained on the phone, your company is fully regulated as a solid waste collection company. Trashbusters must provide services listed in its certificate but also listed in its tariff and can only charge the tariff rates as described in your tariff (please see Tariff No. 1 attached). I understand that you do not have a copy of Trashbusters tariff, and staff wonders what rates Trashbusters have been charging its customers please see WAC 480-70-236. The tariff has been in effect since 1999 and it does not appear that rates or any services have changed.  In addition, I’m attaching Trashbusters solid waste certificate.

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| WAC 480-70-236 | No agency filings affecting this section since 2003 |
| Tariffs, all companies must file tariffs and must comply with the provisions of approved tariffs. | |

     (1) No company may provide solid waste collection service until it files, and the commission approves, a tariff.  
  
     (2) No company may assess rates and charges for solid waste collection service that are higher, lower, or different from those contained in its approved tariff.  
  
     (3) No company may accept a payment for service provided that is higher, lower, or different from the rates and charges contained in its approved tariff.

I understand that you have various scenarios of solid waste collection that you want to verify if the service should be regulated as solid waste. As we discussed, the best approach to get answers to some of your questions is that you provide me with a very detailed explanation of the service provided with your questions and I will respond.

I hope you find this information useful.

Solid waste laws and rules are below:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=81.77>

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=480-70>

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Sincerely,

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