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June 14, 2013

Steven King, Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Sanitary Service Co, Inc G-14 - Disposal Fee Pass-through

Dear Secretary King:

Enclosed are revised pages to Solid Waste Tariff No. 8 for Sanitary Service Co, Inc. These proposed revised tariff pages contain increases due to a rise in disposal fees for Item 230 pass-through fees and rates for WUTC residential, yardwaste, and commercial garbage collection services.

SSC is only requesting revisions to its tariff rates to recoup disposal fee component increases. This filing does not ask for any changes to the service component of customers' rates for the company's performance of solid waste collection services.

The requested garbage rate increases are necessary to recover increased disposal fees imposed upon SSC at the Recomp Transfer Station and the RDS Transfer Station. Notifications from the two facilities are included with this filing.

Residential and commercial customer revenue resulting from the tip fee increases at these two third-party disposal sites would increase by approximately \$140,000 and the proposed rates would go up approximately 1.34%. The impact to pass through disposal fee customers for the Item 230 pass through increase will be approximately \$26,000. The effective date of these proposed tariff revisions is August 1, 2013. Work papers showing the calculation of the two disposal fee increases are enclosed.

For this submittal, we are also requesting an exemption from the requirement to file work papers required for a general rate proceeding under WAC 480-07-520(4). We believe SSC qualifies for this exemption because it has been approximately 2 years since its most recent general rate request was approved in Docket No. TG-102022. In the past two years, there have been no significant increases to company expenses in its WUTC operations since the last general rate case. SSC has not been a party to any mergers or acquisitions, inflation has been low, and the company has not changed its collection methods.



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The number of customers served has remained steady as well. We believe that granting this exemption from the filing requirements of WAC 480-70-520(4) is consistent with the public interest, as required by WAC 480-70-051 & WAC 480-07-110.

In accordance with WAC 480-70-271(2), to the extent the Commission approves the rates reflecting the disposal fee increases, affected customers will be notified of this rate increase on their next regularly scheduled billing.

Please feel free to call me at (360) 527-9783 if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

Amber Jones

Chief Financial Officer

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