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May 16, 2022

Ms. Amanda Maxwell  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
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RE: Tariff Submittal, Revised Tariff Number 3, General Rate Case, Waste Connections of Washington, Inc. G-253

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

We are excited to announce that beginning August 15, 2022 we will start to automate certain residential can routes. The cart program will be rolled out to approximately 24,500 customers in the following county areas: Rural, Battleground, LaCenter and Yacolt. The customers in these areas will be required to use a cart upon rollout. This is necessary to alleviate employee injuries and offer a better service package to our customers.

Attached please find revised pages for Tariff Number 3, Waste Connections of Washington, Inc. G-253, as well as supporting workpapers as required by WAC 480-07-520.

With this filing, we respectfully request the Commission approve a general rate increase to recover new capital, higher costs of employee wages, benefits, fuel and other general operating costs. The impact of automation is also intended to be recovered with this filing.

The increases are proposed as follows: Residential service \$2,252,000 (11.88% for automation customers, 8.24% for non-automation customers); commercial service \$700,000, 8.24%; and roll-off service \$124,000, 8.24%. There are approximately 74,000 residential; 4,600 commercial; and 400 roll-off customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by the Commission became effective January 1, 2018.

Attached are the proposed tariff pages containing the increased rates, as well as supporting documentation for those changes. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they are intended to become effective on July 1, 2022.

Included in this filing is confidential information. To protect certain non-regulated proprietary information we are filing a portion of this filing as confidential, and are filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-160.

To the extent that WAC 480-70-520 (4) (j) could be interpreted as requiring additional disclosure for Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., the Company hereby requests an exemption to that rule to the extent that internal divisions within the Waste Connections of Washington, Inc. legal entity have no relationship to the regulated solid waste collection service, tariff-filing entity.

A rate increase notification letter will be mailed to all customers affected by these proposed changes no later than May 31, 2022. A notice letter will also be delivered on or before May 31, 2022 to the office of the Clark County Council Chair.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 695-4923, or [HeatherGarland@WasteConnections.com](mailto:HeatherGarland@WasteConnections.com).

Sincerely,



Heather Garland  
Pricing Manager