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Joelle Loescher
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**RE: Clark County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan,
 Docket TG-240544**

Dear Joelle Loescher,

Thank you for filing Clark County’s 2023 – 2030 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Clark County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The 2023 – 2030 Plan proposes to increase tip fees in 2024 by 5.27 percent and for years 2025 – 2030 by approximately 3.5 percent each year to keep up with inflation. As a result, there will be a minimal rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Clark County.

Projected Disposal Fees	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$106.34	\$111.94	\$115.86	\$119.91	\$124.11	\$128.45	\$132.95	\$137.60
Per Ton Increase		\$5.60	\$3.92	\$4.05	\$4.20	\$4.34	\$4.50	\$4.65
Percentage Increase		5.27%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Projected Rate Increases	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential								
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service		\$0.41	\$0.29	\$0.30	\$0.31	\$0.32	\$0.33	\$0.34

Commercial								
One Yard Per Pick Up		\$2.12	\$1.49	\$1.54	\$1.59	\$1.65	\$1.71	\$1.76

The Plan speaks to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. However, the County has not requested such a rate in the Plan. Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for such a rate and believe it may be worth the County to consider requesting discounted rates. We understand that it may not happen in the current Plan but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission Staff has no further comment on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the Commission’s plan review process to Jeanine Leggett at (360) 664-1230.

Sincerely,

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