Service Date: July 25, 2025

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

RABANCO LTD. d/b/a EASTSIDE DISPOSAL, RABANCO COMPANIES, RABANCO CONNECTIONS

Certificate G-12

Petitioner,

Requesting Authority to Retain 50 Percent of the Revenue Received from the Sale of Recyclable Materials Collected in Residential Recycling; Requesting Less-Than-Statutory Notice to Customers **DOCKET TG-250393**

ORDER 01

SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
RELATED TO REVENUE SHARING
FOR RECYCLABLE COMMODITIES
REVENUE AND RECYCLABLE
COMMODITY CREDIT ADJUSTMENT

BACKGROUND

On May 23, 2025, Rabanco LTD. d/b/a Eastside Disposal, Rabanco Companies, Rabanco Connections (Eastside or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) the following documents: (1) revised 2025-2026 commodity credits resulting in increased rates to residential recycling customers and multifamily customers, (2) a request that the Commission allow Eastside to retain up to 50 percent of the revenue received from the sale of recyclable materials during the 2025-2026 recycling plan period, and (3) a request to provide less-than-statutory notice to customers in alignment with historical practice. The Company serves single family and multi-family residential recycling customers in King County.

END OF 2023-2025 RECYCLING PLAN AND REVENUE SHARING

- The current 2023-2025 recycling plan and revenue sharing agreement (2023 Plan) authorized by the Commission for Eastside expires August 1, 2025. Eastside did not submit a new plan for the years 2025-2027.
- As no plan has been provided and signed by the County and the Company in compliance with RCW 81.77.185, Staff recommend the Tariff filed by Eastside be suspended until the Company provides a plan detailing its planning for the 2025-2027 period.

DISCUSSION

We agree with Staff's recommendations to suspend the Tariff revisions filed by the Eastside pending review of the Company's new recycling plan and revenue sharing agreement with King County. Eastside is required to provide a recycling plan and revenue sharing agreement in compliance with RCW 81.77.185 to receive a share of the revenue from sale of recycling materials for use in compliance with said plan. Without a plan, the Commission cannot authorize the requested revenue sharing.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 6 (2) Eastside is engaged in the business of providing solid waste services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 24, 2025.
- Under RCW 81.77.185, the Commission shall allow a solid waste collection company collecting recyclable materials to retain up to 50 percent of the revenue paid to the company for the material if the company submits a plan to the Commission that is certified by the appropriate local government authority as being consistent with the local government solid waste plan, and that demonstrates how the revenues will be used to increase recycling. RCW 81.77.185 states that the remaining revenue shall be passed on to residential customers.
- 9 (5) Eastside has not provided a plan compliant with RCW 81.77.185, and the Tariff rates are not supported.
- The Tariff revisions filed by Eastside on May 23, 2025, should be suspended for Eastside to provide additional documentation.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The Tariff revisions filed by Rabanco LTD. d/b/a Eastside Disposal on May 23, 2025, will be suspended until a revised plan, compliant with RCW 81.77.185, is filed with the Commission and reviewed by Staff.
- 12 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Rabanco LTD. d/b/a Eastside Disposal to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective July 25, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BRIAN J. RYBARIK, Chair

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

MILTON H. DOUMIT, Commissioner