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Kirkland, WA 98033

December 1, 2014

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To comment on this filing, be added to the UTC's mailing list, or ask questions about the ratemaking process; please use the comment information below. You may also comment in person at the UTC's open meeting in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on December 30, 2014, or by using the "Public Comment" feature at the UTC's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comments>. The UTC is scheduled to make a decision at its open meeting on December 30, 2014. If you are unable to attend an open meeting in person, the UTC has a bridge line that enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call (360) 664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

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Waste Management is committed to finding new and innovative ways to provide high quality solid waste services at cost effective rates. As the industry's leader, we will continue to work diligently to develop and implement the most efficient collection systems available.

For questions about your service, or if you have questions or need additional information about the proposal, please call us at 1-800-592-9995. Thank you for your continued business.

Marco Gonzalez

District Manager, Waste Management of Spokane

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Proposed Rates Effective January 1, 2015
Rates per pick up (billed monthly) (a)

<u>Commercial Service</u>	Pickup Frequency	Current Rates			Proposed Rates		
		Per Pick Up	Monthly Rent	Monthly Charge	Per Pick Up	Monthly Rent	Monthly Charge
32 gal. can	weekly	\$ 3.49		\$ 15.12	\$ 3.72		\$ 16.12
35 gal. cart	weekly	\$ 3.68	\$ 1.00	\$ 16.95	\$ 3.92	\$ 1.10	\$ 18.09
64 gal. cart	weekly	\$ 6.57	\$ 1.25	\$ 29.72	\$ 7.01	\$ 1.30	\$ 31.67
96 gallon cart	weekly	\$ 9.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 42.58	\$ 10.11	\$ 1.60	\$ 45.41
1 yard container	weekly	\$ 15.25	\$ 6.60	\$ 72.68	\$ 16.26	\$ 7.00	\$ 77.45
1.5 yard container	weekly	\$ 21.87	\$ 7.00	\$101.76	\$ 23.32	\$ 7.50	\$108.55
2 yard container	weekly	\$ 27.33	\$ 8.00	\$126.42	\$ 29.14	\$ 8.50	\$134.76
3 yard container	weekly	\$ 37.79	\$ 9.20	\$172.94	\$ 40.30	\$ 9.80	\$184.42
4 yard container	weekly	\$ 46.05	\$ 10.40	\$209.93	\$ 49.11	\$ 11.10	\$223.89
6 yard container	weekly	\$ 62.63	\$ 13.70	\$285.08	\$ 66.79	\$ 14.60	\$304.00
8 yard container	weekly	\$ 75.44	\$ 17.00	\$343.88	\$ 80.45	\$ 18.10	\$366.69
Extra yardage(per yard)	weekly	(b) \$ 15.22			\$ 16.20		

Notes:

- (a) Not all collection services provided by the company are listed above. If your particular service is not shown, your proposed increase will be approximately 7% greater than your current rate. Please call the company's phone number listed on the front of this letter for further details.
- (b) The rate shown above are per item(e.g. per yard, per mile, per haul), hence the monthly charge will be the above rate times the number of items charged per month.
- (c) Roll Off rates service rates remain unchanged



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Monthly Garbage and Recycling Rates (billed quarterly) (a)

<u>Residential Service</u>	<u>Pickup Frequency</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
1 Can	monthly	\$ 6.75	\$ 7.22
Mini-Can (20 gallons)	weekly	\$ 10.35	\$ 11.07
1 Can	weekly	\$ 13.39	\$ 14.32
2 Cans	weekly	\$ 20.78	\$ 22.23
3 Cans	weekly	\$ 28.16	\$ 30.12
4 Cans	weekly	\$ 35.54	\$ 38.01
5 Cans	weekly	\$ 42.93	\$ 45.92
1 20 gal. Cart	weekly	\$ 11.31	\$ 12.10
1 35 gal. Cart	weekly	\$ 14.45	\$ 15.46
1 64 gal. Cart	weekly	\$ 21.79	\$ 23.31
1 96 gal. Cart	weekly	\$ 29.14	\$ 31.17
Occasional Extras(each)	weekly	(b) \$ 3.68	\$ 3.93
Curbside Recycling <i>(This mandatory charge applies to only those customers residing in the recycling service area as mentioned in Note C below)</i>	Every other week	(c) \$ 7.16	\$ 8.32
<u>Optional Yardwaste Service:</u>	weekly - Mar.-Nov.		
1 96 gal. Cart	monthly - Dec.-Feb.	(c) \$ 10.71	\$ 13.72
Additional Yard Waste Carts (per cart)		(c) \$ 5.17	\$ 8.48

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- (b)** Occasional extra rates shown above are per item, hence the monthly charge will be the above rate times the number of services per month.
- (c)** This service is only applicable to those customers who live within the collection boundaries pursuant to the Spokane County "Recycling Service Level Ordinance" as adopted and codified as Chapter 8.58 of the Spokane County Code. Please call the phone number listed on the front of this letter for further details on the availability of this service in your area.