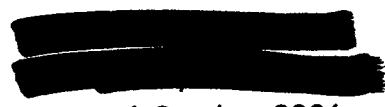


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Waste Connections, Inc - Rate Increase Request

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in opposition to the rate increase request that was recently filed with the Commission by Waste Connections, Inc.

While I understand that costs may need to increase due to rising costs for labor, fuel and direct waste handling costs, the proposed rate increase would unfairly impose a doubled price increase on customers who have 2 (two) 32-gallons cans picked up weekly.

Specifically - the proposed monthly rate increases for a single 32-gallon can ever-other-week (a \$0.45 increase) and for a single 32-gallon can weekly (a \$0.95 increase) are approximately equal.

An equivalent increase for 2 (two) 32-gallon cans weekly would be approx \$2.00 - twice the increase proposed for a single 32-gallon can.

However, the actual proposed monthly rate increase for 2 (two) 32-gallon cans weekly is \$4.00 - TWICE the proposed increase for the smaller volume customers.

This is grossly unfair and SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

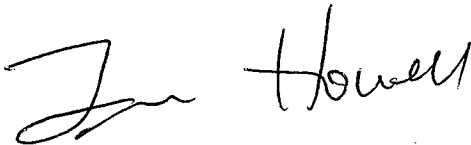
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Additionally, I believe the timing of the form letter I received from Waste Connections advising me of the proposed rate increase - while possibly within the legal time frame required - was in fact dishonest and designed to minimize opportunity for consumers to comment.

The letter was dated 29 September, 2006, was received today 4 October, 2006, and the rate increase - if approved - would be effective November 1, 2006. This is a scant 4 weeks away - and scarcely gives adequate time for consumers to comment.

I URGE you to NOT approve the proposed rate increase - and urge that you require additional comment time for future proposed rate changes.

Sincerely,



Lynn Howell

Cc:

Senator Joseph Zarelli - Olympia  
Representative Richard Curtis - Olympia  
Representative Ed Orcutt - Olympia