

**From:** Jeanie Polehn [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2010 1:09 AM  
**To:** Wyse, Lisa (UTC)  
**Subject:** Response>Request for Public Records ID# 1134 - Part 1 of 3 (Waste Management rate increase request)

Dear Ms. Wyse:

Thank you for sending the information. The extreme redacting in the files sent does not allow the reader to determine what actions, if any, the Kennewick WM business unit took to reduce costs nor does it provide what additional service, if any, customers will receive for added monies the customers will be paying out. I went to the WM corporate website & pulled the latest (2009) financial statement though it doesn't get in to the Kennewick business unit detail. **Bottom line:** At this time, I do **not** wish to proceed with the request for public records of the Kennewick WM submittal.

I do ask that the following information be entered into the "Public Comment" for the November 24, 2010 meeting:

"I fully realize businesses have to make a profit, but the 14.14% Kennewick WM is requesting feels excessive given the current recession climate where many folks have not received an increase in their income or have had their income decrease. Also, it is not clear what UTC considers an acceptable percent increase and the basis. Nor has Kennewick WM, in the redacted public records available, communicated what specific actions it has taken to reduce costs before asking the UTC for a rate increase or what additional value WM will provide for the added charges.

This type of rate increase proposal, with accompanying tax increases, has occurred for other "utility" companies I have had service with in the past also (e.g., Verizon, ATT, & Charter Communications TV). In my budget, such services are luxuries, not necessities. The services these companies provided did not add sufficient value so I discontinued them several years ago because of rate increases and no added value for the rate increase. As with these other companies, I consider curb side garbage pickup a luxury not a necessity. I ask the UTC keep this information in mind as it determines the appropriate rate increase to allow WM to profit as well as consider what additional service WM will provide for that added cost and yet be fair to customers."

Thank you.  
Best regard

s, J. Polehn  
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Wed, 11/17/10, Wyse, Lisa (UTC) <LWyse@utc.wa.gov> wrote:

From: Wyse, Lisa (UTC) <LWyse@utc.wa.gov>  
Subject: Request for Public Records ID# 1134 - Part 1 of 3  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 2:50 PM

J Polehn:

The commission received a public records request from you today, November 17, 2010, in which you requested, **“All Waste Management (WM) rate proposal and necessary financial documents submitted to WA UTC that WM used to justify their December 1, 2010 rate increase request. Please include any financial documents showing WM income from garbage to energy reimbursements.”**

The commission has reviewed its records and has attached the redacted version of workpapers as responsive information to your request. I have also attached the cover letter, customer notices, balance sheet, and tariff pages included in this docket (TG-101706) for your reference. Since the documents all together are large (over 10 MB), I will have to send you three separate e-mails. This is the first of three e-mails.

This information was submitted by Waste Management of Washington, Inc., under WAC 480-07-160, as proprietary and confidential. Therefore, this e-mail is to inform you of the formal process involved in requesting the confidential version of the workpapers.

The commission is required to write a letter to the company that submitted the confidential information. This letter is referred to as a 10-day letter. It informs the company that there is a request for confidential information, it tells the company who the requester is, and allows them 10-days from the date of the letter to file a motion for preliminary injunction in superior court, stopping the release of the information. If, at the end of the 10-days, no injunction has been filed, the information will be released and will be conformed to reflect a non-confidential designation for any future requests.

In order for me to proceed in this process, you must reply to this e-mail indicating whether or not you wish to proceed with this request for public records. This e-mail is to notify you that we will close this request by close of business on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, as completed, if we do not hear back from you. We will assume that you do not wish to pursue the confidential information.

If you have any questions on this subject, you can reply to this e-mail or call me directly at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wyse, Manager

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