

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of

MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC.  
AND AMERICAN DISPOSAL  
COMPANY, INC.,

Petitioner,

For Less Than Statutory Notice in  
Connection with Tariff Revisions

DOCKETS TG-171024 and TG-171025

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN  
STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING  
TARIFF REVISIONS TO GO INTO  
EFFECT

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On October 4, 2017, Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. and American Disposal Company, Inc., (Murrey's and American or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 27. The proposed revisions correct a recently discovered error in the calculation of the final rates approved in dockets TG-170036 and TG-170037, which has caused the Company to under-bill by approximately \$20,000 per month. In order to begin billing the corrected rates as soon as possible, the Company requests less than statutory notice for the tariff revisions to go into effect. The Company filed replacement pages to correct a typographical error on October 25, 2017.
- 2 RCW 81.28.050 and WAC 480-70-266 require 45 days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of November 20, 2017. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. Murrey's and American requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted in WAC 480-70-276, and that the revisions become effective November 1, 2017.
- 3 Staff reviewed the proposed tariff revisions and determined that they are reasonable because they reflect the intent of the agreed-upon rates associated with dockets TG-170036 and TG-170037. Aside from correcting the error in the rate calculations, the only other change is the addition of extra mailing expenses associated with re-noticing the customers for this filing.

## DISCUSSION

4 The Commission finds that both the proposed tariff revisions and the Company's request  
for less than statutory notice are in the public interest. The revisions correct a calculation  
error that is causing the Company to recover less revenue than the Commission  
previously determined was fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Accordingly, the  
Commission grants Murrey's and American's request with an effective date of  
November 1, 2017.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) 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) Murrey's and American are solid waste companies and public service companies  
subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) Murrey's and American are subject to RCW 81.28.050 and WAC 480-70-266,  
which require solid waste companies to file changes in any rate or charge with 45  
days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow  
changes without requiring 45 days' notice by order specifying the changes to be  
made and the time when it shall take effect. See also WAC 480-70-276.
- 8 (4) Under WAC 480-70-051 the Commission may grant an exemption from the  
provisions of any rule in WAC 480-70, if consistent with the public interest, the  
purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.  
See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 9 (5) Staff has reviewed Murrey's and American's request in Dockets TG-171024 and  
TG-171025 and recommends the Commission grant the Companies' less than  
statutory notice request.
- 10 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on  
October 26, 2017.
- 11 (7) After reviewing Murrey's and American's proposed tariff revisions filed on  
October 4, 2017, and revised on October 25, 2017, in this docket and giving due

consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective November 1, 2017.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. and American Disposal Company, Inc.'s request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 13 (3) The tariff revisions Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. and American Disposal Company, Inc. filed on October 4, 2017, as revised on October 25, 2017, will become effective on November 1, 2017.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 26, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary