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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE– SPOKANE COUNTY

Dear Customer:

February 28, 2018

Empire Disposal, Inc. has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC October 1, 2016. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective April 1, 2018. The rate per month will increase as follows:

<u>Invoiced Every-Other-Month</u> Residential:	Proposed		
	Current Rate Per Month	Increase Per Month	Proposed Rate Per Month
20 gal weekly	15.30	2.17	17.47
1-32 gal weekly	18.82	2.67	21.49
2-32 gal weekly	26.58	3.77	30.35
1-65 gal weekly	28.33	4.02	32.35
1-90 gal weekly	35.43	5.02	40.45
Occasional extra unit	4.47	0.63	5.10

Other services not listed will increase an average of 14.18%.

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Empire Disposal, Inc. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the Company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on March 29, 2018. The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the Commission at (360) 664-1132 or humanresources@utc.wa.gov. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the Commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

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