

Agenda Date: August 25, 2022
Item Number: B1

Docket: TG- 220429
Company Name: Gary's Garbage Services, LLC

Staff: Jaclynn Simmons, Regulatory Analyst
John Cupp, Regulatory Analyst, Consumer Protection

Recommendation:

Take no action, allowing tariff pages filed by Gary's Garbage Services, LLC on June 13, 2022, in Docket TG- 220429, as revised on August 15, 2022, to become effective September 1, 2022, by operation of law.

Discussion

On June 13, 2002, Gary's Garbage Services, LLC (Gary's Garbage or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$58,391 (23.04 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage services. The Company is also filing administrative tariff changes with this filing. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 260 residential and 55 commercial customers in Pend Oreille County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on June 1, 2018.

Gary's Garbage is requesting this rate increase to recover the expenses incurred from the purchase of a new collection truck, increases in general operating expenses, and to recover higher disposal fee expense as a result of the per ton increase from \$149.00 to \$176.00 per ton that is set by Pend Oreille County at its transfer station.

After review of the filing Commission staff (Staff) made adjustments to the Company's advertising costs and depreciation expense, setting depreciation for a new refurbished asset with an appropriate life to ensure reasonable recovery over a period of time. Staff also increased the Company's adjustments made to update the disposal expense and fuel expense to proper levels.

Staff also made changes to the Company's balance sheet by removing intangible assets and some unregulated fixed assets. This adjusted the Company's cost of debt reducing the percentage of debt used in the Lurito Gallagher calculation for the revised revenue requirement.

After Staff's review and adjustments, the Company and Staff agreed to an amount of \$17,339 (6.5 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company filed replacement pages on August 15, 2022, at Staff's revised rates.

Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Price/ % Difference
1 32 gal can	\$22.63	\$28.11	\$24.27	\$1.64 or 7.23%
1 yard Pick up	\$24.86	\$30.89	\$26.66	\$1.80 or 7.23%
30-yard Pick-up	\$242.51	\$301.29	\$260.04	\$17.53 or 7.23%

Customer Comments

On July 1, the Company notified its customers by mail of the proposed rate increase. Customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission’s website, and that they may contact John Cupp with questions or concerns. Staff received no comments.

Conclusions

Staff has completed its review of the Company’s documentation. Staff’s review shows that the tariff pages filed are reasonable and required as part of the Company’s operations.

Recommendations:

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