925 N. Fairgrounds Rd

Goldendale, WA. 98620

January 28, 2014

Dear Valued Commercial Customer,

This is to notify you of a proposed rate change for commercial services in the Republic Services areas of Klickitat, Skamania, and Yakima Counties. Should the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approve our request customers will experience an overall rate increase throughout all classes of service.

 **If approved, the proposed rates are scheduled to become effective March 1, 2014**.

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|  |  | **Collection Rates Per Pick-up** | **Container Rental** |
| **Commercial Service** | **Pickup****Frequency** | **Current** | **Proposed** | **Current** | **Proposed** |
| 32 Gal Can | Weekly | $2.57  | $3.09  |  |  |
| 1.50 Yard Container | Weekly | $15.60 | $18.74  | $9.00  | $10.81 |
| 2 Yard Container | Weekly | $19.76  | $23.74  | $10.50  | $12.61 |
| 3 Yard Container | Weekly | $26.13  | $31.39  | $13.50  | $16.22  |
| **Drop Box Service** |  |  |  |   |  |
| 40 Yard Container | On Call | $135.10  | $162.30  | $52.00  | $62.45  |

The proposed rate increases for commercial service averages 20.1% due to cost increases related to serving our customers such as labor, equipment maintenance, and fuel. Not all services are listed above. If you have further questions about the proposed rate increase you may contact the company at (509) 773-5825 or toll free at (866) 319-4811.

The commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the company’s request, depending on the outcome 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 February 27, 2014. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human\_resources@utc.wa.gov. 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 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You can also comment by using the “Submit a Comment” feature on the commission’s web site, at utc.wa.gov, or by using the contact information below:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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We look forward to continued service to you.

Republic Services of Klickitat County