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Subject: Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Waste Management of Greater Wenatchee (G-2017) Tariff No. 14

Enclosed, you will find new Tariff No.14 for the above-referenced operating division of Waste Management of Washington d/b/a Waste Management of Greater Wenatchee ("WMGW"). This new tariff reflects increases to our residential garbage recycling, yard waste and roll off collection rates. This new tariff is being filed with a proposed effective date of February 1, 2019. In order to allow sufficient time for the staff's review, this request is being filed with a lead time greater than the required 45-day period.

WMGW received its last general rate increase on July 2012, more than six years ago. We are requesting adjustments to our rates due to increased investment in collection trucks, and increased maintenance, disposal, recycling processing, labor, and other operating and administrative costs since our last general rate increase. Please note that this filing will establish a commodity rebate for residential recycling services consistent with all other Waste Management operations in Washington.

This new tariff, if approved by the Commission, would increase Company service revenue by approximately \$568,000 (7.5%). In preparing this rate filing it has been determined that increased rates are only necessary for the residential garbage, recycling, and yard waste and roll off collection services. Accordingly, we are requesting that the overall revenue requirement be applied only to these operations. Accordingly, we are requesting a 12.8% increase in these rates.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting workpapers. Please note that our filing includes certain documents that contain valuable commercial information and is therefore being submitted in accordance with the procedures established in WAC 480-07-160. It is presented in two separate submittals to the web portal, both of which clearly identify electronic versions of confidential and redacted documents. One includes electronic versions of work papers containing confidential materials (in PDF and excel), with the first page of the file, and each page that contains confidential information marked appropriately. The second, separate web portal filing contains all nonconfidential materials in PDF, consisting of the transmittal letter, the revised tariff, and redacted work papers.

Consistent with our practice of the past several years, we respectfully request a waiver from the application of WAC 480-07-520 to allow our work papers to be limited to the Waste Management division that operates under the tariff for which rate adjustments are requested.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at:

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