

Agenda Date: January 30, 2025
Item Number: B1

Docket: TG-240893
Company: Zippy Disposal Service, Inc.

Staff: Rachel Stark, Regulatory Services
Kris Irelan, Consumer Protection

Recommendation

To take no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Zippy Disposal Service, Inc. in Docket TG-240893 on November 15, 2024, and as revised on January 27, 2025, to become effective February 1, 2025, by operation of law.

Discussion

On November 15, 2024, Zippy Disposal Service, Inc., (Zippy or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) Tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$120,000 (6.72 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves approximately 4,400 garbage and recycling customers in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties.

The Company's last general rate case was effective March 1, 2023. The main driving force for this increase is to recover costs of equipment purchases and repairs, employee wage increases, fuel costs, and other increased operational expenses.

Commission Staff (Staff) has completed its review of the Company's supporting financial documents, which include items like the Company's general ledger and invoices. Staff confirmed the garbage and recycling services are separate and neither are subsidizing the other. Recycling rates should not increase because Staff's review showed the allocation is not material enough to impact rates. The Company is not seeking to increase rates in Okanogan and Douglas counties because customers in those counties have not been noticed that the Company is seeking an increase. Zippy is aware rates could be increased in those counties and plans to request an increase to those rates in the next general rate case it files.

The Company requested approximately \$120,000 in this filing. However, after its review, Staff found the Company is entitled to a lower amount than requested. Staff and the Company agreed to a revised revenue requirement of approximately \$111,800 (5.24 percent) additional revenue. On January 27, 2025, the Company filed revised pages at Staff's recommended levels.

	Current Rate	Company Proposed Rate	Staff Revised Rate	Percent Increase
Mini can weekly garbage	\$16.54	\$17.65	\$17.57	6.25%
1 35-gal can weekly	\$20.33	\$21.70	\$21.60	6.25%
1 45-gal toter recycling w/weekly garbage w/every other week recycling	\$20.33	\$23.97	\$21.60	6.25%
1 yd 1 x weekly	\$18.23	\$19.45	\$19.37	6.25%

Customer Comments

On November 29, 2024, the Company notified its customers of the proposed increase by mail. Staff received no consumer comments regarding this filing.

Customers may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission's website, and they may contact Kris Irelan at (888) 333-9882 or kris.irelan@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

Conclusion

Staff has completed their review of the Company's documentation. Staff's review shows the tariff pages filed, and then revised are fair, just, reasonable, sufficient, and required as part of the Company's operations.

Recommendation

To take no action, thereby allowing Tariff pages filed by Zippy Disposal Service, Inc. in Docket TG-240893 on November 15, 2024, and as revised on January 27, 2025, to become effective February 1, 2025, by operation of law.