

June 11, 2009

Ms. Penni Lemperes, Solid Waste Specialist  
Whatcom County Solid Waste Division  
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**RE: Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan – Docket TG-090718**

Dear Ms. Lemperes:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) staff has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan). In accordance with RCW 70.95.096, Commission staff analyzed the plan to determine the probable effect, if any, of the plan's recommendations on the rates charged by solid waste companies. Staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan shows no financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Whatcom County. The Cost Assessment shows no tip fee increase between 2008 through 2013.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's Plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or by email at [pingram@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:pingram@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Diana Wadley, Solid Waste Planner and Coordinated Prevention Grant Officer  
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