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Company Name: Rabanco Ltd, G-12
d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On May 16, 2008, Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue (Rabanco or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions for garbage, recycling and yard waste collection that would generate \$637,500 (7.05 percent) in additional revenue per year. Rabanco serves approximately 21,200 customers in Eastern King County in the areas around Bellevue and Issaquah. The proposed rate revisions are prompted by increases in labor, fuel, healthcare, pension and other operating costs.

Today's presentation allows customers or other interested parties to comment to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on June 26, 2008. The company's last increase became effective in May 2006.

On May 30, 2008, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail. The commission has received no comments on this filing.

Rate Comparison

| | Present | Proposed |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Residential Monthly Rates | | |
| 1 can weekly garbage service | \$9.64 | \$10.20 |
| 60 gallon cart weekly garbage service | \$16.17 | \$16.80 |
| 60 gallon cart rental | \$1.50 | \$1.75 |
| Residential recycling every-other-week (EOW) | \$7.50 | \$8.35 |
| Residential recycling weekly | \$9.31 | \$10.43 |
| Residential yard waste every-other-week (EOW) | \$5.29 | \$6.14 |
| Residential yard waste weekly | \$7.93 | \$9.19 |
| Commercial | | |
| One yard container service per month | \$61.29 | \$63.93 |
| 20 yard drop box service per pick-up | \$111.00 | \$114.87 |

Average Customer Charge Comparison – One Can Customer Bellevue Area

| Monthly Service | Present | Proposed |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Garbage Component | \$9.64 | \$10.20 |
| Mandatory Recycling EOW | \$7.50 | \$8.35 |
| Commodity Credit | (\$2.49) | (\$2.49) |
| Total Garbage and Recycling | \$14.65 | \$16.06 |
| Voluntary Yard waste EOW Service | \$5.29 | \$6.14 |
| Total Garbage, Recycling, Yard waste | \$19.94 | \$22.20 |

Average Customer Charge Comparison – One Can Customer Issaquah Area

| Monthly Service | Present | Proposed |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Garbage Component | \$9.64 | \$10.20 |
| Mandatory Recycling Weekly Service | \$9.31 | \$10.43 |
| Commodity Credit | (\$2.53) | (\$2.53) |
| Total Garbage and Recycling | \$16.42 | \$18.10 |
| Voluntary Yard waste Weekly Service | \$7.93 | \$9.19 |
| Total Garbage, Recycling, Yard waste | \$24.35 | \$27.29 |

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of Rabanco's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.