

Agenda Date: June 27, 2024
Item Number: B2

Docket: TG- 240371
Company Name: Carrol-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., d/b/a Naslund Disposal Service

Staff: Scott Sevall, Regulatory Services
Kris Irelan, Consumer Protection

Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Carrol-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., d/b/a Naslund Disposal Service, on May 14, 2024, and revised on June 11, 2024, to become effective July 1, 2024, by operation of law.

Discussion

On May 14, 2024, Carrol-Naslund Disposal Service, Inc., d/b/a Naslund Disposal Service, (Naslund or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$134,000 (9.3 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves approximately 5,000 residential, commercial, and roll-off customers in Asotin and Garfield Counties. The Company's last general rate case became effective on July 1, 2021.

This case was filed because of increased operating costs and new assets that were purchased and put into place. Also, this case reflects the additional customers that are going to be served at tariff rates as the City of Pomeroy has decided to end their years of contracting with Naslund for solid waste disposal. The effective date of the City of Pomeroy's ordinance regarding this is August 1, 2024. Naslund will formally address the ordinance in another filing with the Commission shortly.

During Commission staff (Staff) review there were proposed adjustments which changed the revenue requirement. A material adjustment to the historical payroll increased the revenue requirement. Naslund had a fulltime employee miss a significant part of last year due to medical leave. That employee is now returning to work. The Company and Staff have agreed to a revised revenue requirement which would generate approximately \$161,000 of additional annual revenue.

Staff has completed its review of the Company's books and records and believes the Company has demonstrated the rate increase is necessary to provide service. Staff believes the revised rates agreed upon by the Company are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Rate Comparison

Service	Current Rate	Company Proposed	Revised Rate	Percentage Increase
<u>Residential</u>				
96 gal. weekly UTC	\$22.72	\$25.03	\$25.24	11%
96 gal. weekly Pomeroy	\$23.20	\$25.03	\$25.24	8.8%
<u>Commercial</u>				
1.5 yard per pick-up UTC	\$15.13	\$16.67	\$16.81	11%
1.5 yard per pick-up Pomeroy	\$17.73	\$16.67	\$16.81	-5.2%
<u>Industrial</u>				
30 yard per pick-up UTC	\$118.91	\$131.00	\$132.09	11%

Customer Comments

Staff received two consumer comments. One customer was opposed to the rate increase because they believe that the proposed rate is too high. The second customer approves of the rate increase because they believe that the Company provides good service. Customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission's website, and that they may contact Kris Irelan at (888) 333-9882 or kris.irelan@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

Conclusion

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