

Agenda Date: November 21, 2024  
Item Number: B2

**Docket:** TG-240769  
**Company:** Excess Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Excess Disposal Service

**Staff:** Jeanine Leggett, Regulatory Services  
Kris Irelan, Consumer Protection

### **Recommendation**

Take no action, thereby allowing the tariff pages filed by Excess Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Excess Disposal Service on October 15, 2024, and revised on November 12, 2024, to take effect December 1, 2024, by operation of law.

### **Background**

On October 15, 2024, Excess Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Excess Disposal Service (Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$515,000 (33.16 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company is filing due to increases in general operating expenses, parts and maintenance, and capital investments. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 800 residential, 600 commercial, and 21 drop box customers in Pend Oreille County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on August 1, 2022.

Commission staff (Staff) have reviewed the documents and information provided by the Company. Staff adjusted equipment maintenance/shop, wages, insurance, and capital investments to name a few.

The largest expense increase driving this filing was in the equipment maintenance/shop expense. This was due to the upkeep of the older fleet of trucks the Company has. Staff made adjustments to remove \$201,227 in booked expenses. This amount was reached by doing a 5-year average on the bonuses, health/life & liability Insurance as well as a 3-year average for equipment maintenance/shop expense. A 3-year average on equipment maintenance/shop expense was used due to the test year's costs being an outlying year.

After Staff completed its review of the Company's financial documents and making needed adjustments, Staff and the Company came to an agreement of approximately \$402,000 (25.9 percent) annual revenue increase.

### **Rate Comparison**

The tables below show the current, Company-proposed, Staff-revised rates, and the most common service levels. The full list of rates is included in the Company's tariff.

Common Residential Lines of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Difference Revised to Current	
1-32 gal. Can - Weekly	\$24.97	\$33.25	\$31.44	\$6.47	7.85%
2-32 gal. Can - Weekly	\$41.54	\$55.32	\$52.30	\$10.76	21.70%
1-32 gal. Can - Every Other Week	\$19.27	\$25.66	\$24.26	\$4.99	4.67%
2-32 gal. Can - Every Other Week	\$24.42	\$32.52	\$30.75	\$6.33	7.50%
1-45 gal. Can - Weekly	\$36.99	\$49.26	\$46.57	\$9.58	17.22%

Common Commercial Lines of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Difference Revised to Current	
1-32 Commercial Can - Each Scheduled Pick Up	\$4.26	\$5.67	\$5.36	\$1.10	0.22%
1yd - First Pick Up	\$34.93	\$46.51	\$43.98	\$9.05	15.36%
1yd - Each Additional Pick Up	\$23.46	\$31.24	\$29.54	\$6.08	6.93%
2yd - First Pick Up	\$53.32	\$71.00	\$67.13	\$13.81	35.79%
2yd - Each Additional Pick Up	\$39.57	\$52.69	\$49.82	\$10.25	19.71%

### **Comment Summary**

On October 16, 2024, the Company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. Staff received five consumer comments opposed to the proposed rate increase. Commenters shared concerns that the last increase just occurred in 2022 and while some increase may be warranted, a 33.16 percent increase is “way out of line,” “excessive,” and is not on pace with current levels of inflation. One commenter shared that they are on a fixed income. If approved, the proposed rates will become effective on December 1, 2024.

Customers may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission's website, and they may contact Kris Irelan at 1-888-333-9882 or kris.irelan@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

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