

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY,  
INC. d/b/a OLYMPIC DISPOSAL,

Respondent

DOCKET TG-230778

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
(Set for January 24, 2024,  
at 1:30 p.m.)

- 1 On September 15, 2023, Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal (Olympic or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$1,885,000 (15.9 percent) in additional annual revenue. Olympic provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 15,500 residential; 1,900 commercial; 117 roll-off; and 6,040 residential recycling customers in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on June 1, 2011.
- 2 In Commission staff's (Staff) review of the Company's books, accounts, and supporting documents, Staff identified several expenses that did not have substantial support showing the costs are necessary for the operation of regulated services. Staff discussed these items with Olympic and were unable to agree on treatment of the issues.
- 3 This matter came before the Commission at its December 21, 2023, open meeting and the same day the Commission issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions (Order 01).
- 4 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW and Title 81 RCW and has legal authority to regulate solid waste collection companies in the state of Washington. The statutory provisions that apply to this matter may be found in Chapters 80.01, 80.04, and 81.77 RCW; this includes, but is not limited to, RCW 80.01.040, 80.04.020, 81.77.020 and 81.77.040. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapters 480-07 and 480-70, relating to solid waste collection companies.

5 **PROCEDURES:** The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, 34.05.422, 34.05.431, 34.05.440, 34.05.449, and 34.05.452. In this proceeding, the Commission will follow its procedural rules, located in WAC Chapter 480-07.

6 Commission regulations typically provide for twenty days of notice prior to a hearing or conference. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a). Here, the Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice period, consistent with statutory requirements. RCW 34.05.434.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 2024. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 830 6040 8837# and Passcode: 527346#. To participate via Zoom, [click here to join meeting](https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83060408837?pwd=ZGkxIrrFVjthkwDKUOpRKwG035Py.1).**<sup>1</sup>

8 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention; to resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence; to identify the issues in the proceeding; and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

9 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a).

10 **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE; INTERPRETER:** Party representatives must file notices of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2), no later than the day before the conference. If any party needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

11 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83060408837?pwd=ZGkxIrrFVjthkwDKUOpRKwG035Py.1>

12 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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13 Administrative Law Judge Bijan Hughes from the Commission's Administrative Law Division will preside during this proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

14 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate, during this proceeding.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective January 8, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Kathy Hunter  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Judge Hughes can be reached by email at [bijan.hughes@utc.wa.gov](mailto:bijan.hughes@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1254.

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Paige Doyle, paralegal, at paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov:

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Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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