

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-111689
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	
RABANCO, LTD., d/b/a ALLIED)	
WASTE SERVICES OF KLICKITAT)	
COUNTY, and RABANCO, LTD.,)	
d/b/a TRI-COUNTY DISPOSAL, G-12)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 16, 2011, Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Tri-County Disposal (Tri-County) and Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County (Klickitat County), business units of Rabanco, Ltd., (Rabanco or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its Tariff No. 8. The stated effective date is November 1, 2011.

- 2 In this filing, Rabanco proposes to increase rates for its Tri-County Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County business units. The proposed rates are designed to increase revenues by approximately \$123,500 (11.7 percent) annually. Commission Staff has not completed its review of the Company’s books and records and cannot make a recommendation at this time. Rabanco has not yet demonstrated the proposed rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

- 3 Three comments have been received to date and all are opposed to the proposed increase. All three customers said they believe the Company should better manage its costs to avoid the need for higher rates. They also believe the amount of the increase is too drastic

- 4 The proposed revised rates might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public. The Commission therefore suspends the tariff filing.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 *and* RCW 81.77.
- 6 (2) Rabanco is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 27, 2011.
- 8 (4) The tariff revisions filed by Rabanco on September 16, 2011, are designed to increase revenues by approximately \$123,500 (11.7 percent) annually.
- 9 (5) Rabanco has not yet demonstrated that the provisions for the rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient. The Commission finds it reasonable to suspend the filing pending ongoing investigation.
- 10 (6) In addition, the Commission invokes the rights, remedies and procedures contained in the reparations statute, RCW 81.04.220, to the extent the Commission finds that any rate subject to this investigation is excessive or exorbitant.
- 11 (7) Rabanco may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation consistent with RCW 81.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The tariff revisions Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Tri-County Disposal and Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County filed on September 16, 2011, are suspended.

- 13 (2) The Commission may hold hearings if needed at such times and places as required.
- 14 (3) Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Tri-County Disposal and Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County must not change or alter the tariff pages filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless the Commission authorizes the change in this docket.
- 15 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Tri-County Disposal and Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as necessary and as described above.
- 16 (5) Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Tri-County Disposal and Rabanco, Ltd., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Klickitat County shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 81.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 27, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner