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RE: Waste Connections Proposed Rate Increase for Clark County Washington


We are writing this letter to petition against the proposed rate increase as represented by Waste Connections. While we cannot know what the true needs are for an increase in the trash pickup rates, it is obvious that the schedule presented is discriminatory. The rate paid is dependent on family size or number of people at an address and not the cost of service. A small family or living unit requiring single can biweekly service pays the lowest increase of 6%, a middle size living unit pays an increase of 9% and larger living units pay an increase of 26%.

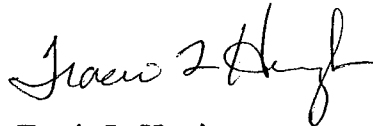
The cost per can is inversely proportionate to the frequency of pickup since the trucks have to run the same route whether they are picking up at every address on the route or not. So single biweekly service costs the company more per can than double can weekly pick up. Double can weekly service actually costs the company the least per can when transportation costs and labor are considered. The current rate schedule does not reflect this truth and the proposed increase only exacerbates the discrimination.

Trash pickup is a service with predictable costs and per can rates should be consistent with the actual costs incurred for all who contract for that service. The rates charged should be dependent on the actual cost of service and not discriminate based on the number of people served at a specific address. This appears to be an attack on families rather than an appeal based on a fairly assessed cost of doing business.

The attached notice was received on 10/4/06. The late date suggests that the November increase has either already been approved, or notification was designed to prevent the commission's consideration of public comment on the proposal. A proposed increase should not be allowed until any increased costs are accurately reported and fairly assessed.

Sincerely,


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