

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-130062
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 01
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
RABANCO, LTD, DBA ALLIED)	
WASTE SERVICES OF KENT,)	
RABANCO COMPANIES, SEA-TAC)	
DISPOSAL,)	
)	GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
Respondent.)	RULE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 15, 2013, Rabanco, LTD (Rabanco or Company), dba Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, Sea-Tac Disposal (Sea-Tac Disposal), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a general rate increase for solid waste collection service in King County. The stated effective date is March 1, 2013.
- 2 On January 16, 2013, Rabanco filed a petition asking for a partial exemption from the following sections of WAC 480-07-520(4) to limit the work paper filing requirements to Sea-Tac Disposal, the business unit providing services under the tariff that Rabanco proposes to amend:
 - (a) Detailed pro forma income statement.
 - (f) Detailed price-out information.
 - (h) Detailed depreciation schedule.
 - (i) Computed average investment.

Rabanco also requests a partial exemption from:

- (d) Detailed separation of all revenue and expenses between regulated and nonregulated operations, except for the following, which has been filed:

Work paper computations and submissions for Sea-Tac Disposal, the business unit providing services under the tariff that Rabanco proposes to amend, and the detailed separation of all revenue and expenses for intracompany transactions between Sea-Tac Disposal, as the business unit providing services under the tariff that Rabanco proposes to amend, and Rabanco, LTD, as the company as a whole, providing what would be analogously required for disclosure under the affiliated interest transaction rule of 480-70-079, but for the fact that Sea-Tac Disposal is a part of Rabanco, LTD.

- (e) Detailed list of all nonregulated operations, including the rates charged for the services rendered.

Unregulated transactions, relationships and rates among those Sea-Tac Disposal-based business operations, its customers and other Rabanco, LTD business entities.

- 3 Staff agrees that because the data for which the exemption in paragraph two is sought is not relevant to the tariff filing, granting the exemption is not inconsistent with the underlying purposes of the general rate filing rule stated in WAC 480-07-520(4). Rabanco's request is consistent with previous filings in which the Commission has found the requested exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the requested exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, 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.
- 5 (2) Rabanco, LTD is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) On January 15, 2013, Rabanco, LTD, dba Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, Sea-Tac Disposal, filed with the Commission a general rate increase for solid waste collection service in King County.

- 7 (4) Rabanco, LTD is subject to WAC 480-07-520(4), which requires the Company to file work papers that contain detailed financial data for the Company, its affiliated interests, and its business units. The plain language of the rule requires these work papers to address Rabanco, LTD's finances as a whole, not a limited subset of one or more business units.
- 8 (5) Rabanco, LTD, dba Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, Sea-Tac Disposal is a business unit of Rabanco, LTD, and collects solid waste under one of Rabanco, LTD's six tariffs.
- 9 (6) In support of its proposed tariff revisions, Rabanco, LTD filed work papers containing financial information only for its Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, Sea-Tac Disposal business unit, but not for the entirety of Rabanco, LTD's operations.
- 10 (7) Under WAC 480-70-051, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-70, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 11 (8) On January 16, 2013, Rabanco, LTD filed a petition asking for a partial exemption from WAC 480-07-520(4) to limit the work paper filing requirements as set forth in paragraph two. The data for which this exemption is sought is not relevant to the tariff filing for Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, Sea-Tac Disposal, and granting this exemption is not inconsistent with the underlying purposes of the general rate filing rule stated in WAC 480-07-520(4). Rabanco, LTD's request is consistent with previous filings in which the Commission has found the exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes.
- 12 (9) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2013.
- 13 (10) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-130062 by Rabanco, LTD on January 16, 2013, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Rabanco, LTD's petition for partial exemption from WAC 480-07-520(4) is granted, as set forth in paragraph two.
- 15 (4) The exemption granted to Rabanco, LTD in this Order applies only to the general rate proceeding in Docket TG-130062.
- 16 (5) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Rabanco, LTD to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 14, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary