

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of

ZIPPY DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.,

Petitioner,

Seeking Extension to the Due Date of
Compliance Filing

DOCKET TG-180267

ORDER 02

GRANTING PETITION TO
EXTEND DUE DATE FOR
COMPLIANCE FILING

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 29, 2018, Zippy Disposal Service, Inc., (Zippy Disposal or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently Tariff No. 17. The purpose of the filing was to add a new commingled recycling pick-up service, as required by Chelan County's Solid Waste Management Plan. The Commission allowed the tariff revisions to go into effect May 1, 2018, subject to conditions. The Company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 1,800 customers in Chelan County.
- 2 In the initial filing, Zippy Disposal implemented a new subscription service for comingled recycling consistent with Chelan County's solid waste plan. Zippy Disposal's filing assumed it would subscribe 500 customers in its first year of operation, which would increase revenues by approximately \$131,000, or 5 percent annually. The proposed start-up rate would be \$25 per customer, per month based on estimated costs, which includes baling and transporting the material to Spokane for processing.
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) recommended that the Commission allow the new recycling rates based on estimates rather than actual costs and require the Company to file tariff revisions with an effective date no later than December 1, 2019, that include actual customer, cost, and revenue data for a consecutive 12-month test period. The Commission ordered the Company to make its filing no later than October 15, 2019, allowing it to file sooner if actual costs and revenues varied significantly from its projections.¹

¹ *Wash. Utils. and Transp. Comm'n v. Zippy Disposal Service, Inc.*, Docket TG-180267, Order 01, ¶¶ 3-4 (Apr. 26, 2018).

4 In its petition, the Company states that it has not collected enough recycling material in the time since implementation to transport to Spokane for processing. As a result, it does not have any actual cost data for processing and therefore cannot determine whether the rate as filed is adequate to cover these costs. The Company further states it will be shipping material to Spokane in October 2019 and will then have actual cost data with which to evaluate the recycling rate, and therefore is asking for an extension of the deadline to make a filing from October 15, 2019, to November 15, 2019. Staff supports the Company's request.

DISCUSSION

5 The Commission agrees that granting the extension will enable the Company to make a more complete filing, using actual costs. The requested November 15, 2019, filing deadline will also allow enough time for review of the tariff filing prior to the December 1, 2019, rate effective date. For these reasons, and because of the reasonable duration of the extension, we waive the October 15, 2019, filing deadline established in Order 01 issued in this docket and extend it to November 15, 2019.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts and securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 7 (2) Zippy Disposal is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2019.
- 9 (4) The Commission finds that granting an extension for the compliance filing until November 15, 2019, is reasonable.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request for extension to make its compliance filing that Zippy Disposal Service, Inc., filed on October 3, 2019, is granted.

- 11 (2) Zippy Disposal Service, Inc., will file tariff revisions with an effective date no later than January 1, 2020, that includes actual customer, cost, and revenue data for a consecutive 12-month test period; the elements listed in paragraph 3 of Order 01 in this docket; and a proposed mechanism for issuing refunds in the event that the Company over-collects during the test year.

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 October 10, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary