

Agenda Date: March 27, 2025
Item Number: B1

Docket: TG-250072
Company: Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc.

Staff: Jeanine Leggett, Regulatory Services
Kris Irelan, Consumer Protection

Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing the Tariff pages filed by Consolidated Disposal Service Inc., on February 6, 2025, and revised on March 17, 2025, to take effect April 1, 2025, by operation of law.

Discussion

On February 6, 2025, Consolidated Disposal Service Inc. (Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) Tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$921,000 (12 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company is filing due to increases in general operating expenses, which include equipment, insurance and personnel. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 20,250 residential and commercial customers in Grant and Adams County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2023.

Commission staff (Staff) have reviewed the documents and information provided by the Company. Staff made minor adjustments to operating expenses. The largest adjustment was in employee welfare, where staff removed expenses listed for Turkeys, Prime Ribs, Right to Know Program & Christmas which totaled \$8,796. This adjustment was made because these were not known and measurable items. These were done by Company's choice for employees and weren't necessary expenses.

After Staff completed its review of the Company's financial documents and making minor adjustments, Staff and the Company came to an agreement of approximately \$911,930 (11.5 percent) annual revenue increase.

Rate Comparison

The tables below show the current, Company-proposed, Staff-revised rates, and the most common service levels. The full list of rates is included in the Company's Tariff.

Grant County

Lines of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Difference Revised to Current	
32 gal 1x wk.	\$12.23	\$13.70	\$13.64	\$1.41	11.52%
60 gal 1x a wk.	\$18.87	\$21.13	\$21.04	\$2.17	11.49%
1.5 yd 1x wk.	\$14.88	\$16.67	\$16.59	\$1.71	11.49%
20 yd	\$180.13	\$201.75	\$200.85	\$20.72	11.50%

Adams County

Lines of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate	Difference Revised to Current	
32 gal 2x wk.	\$18.71	\$20.96	\$20.86	\$2.15	11.49%
60 gal 1x a wk.	\$24.42	\$27.35	\$27.23	\$2.81	11.50%
1.5 yd 1x wk.	\$19.65	\$22.01	\$21.91	\$2.26	11.50%
40 yd	\$180.13	\$201.75	\$200.85	\$20.72	11.50%

Comment Summary

On February 14, 2025, the Company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. Staff received one consumer comment raising concerns about elderly adults having the ability to afford the rate increase.

Customers may access relevant documents about this rate increase on the Commission's website, and they may contact Kris Irelan at (888) 333-9882 or kris.irelan@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns.

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