

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-070749
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER 02
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
RABANCO, LTD, d/b/a ALLIED	)	
WASTE SERVICES OF KENT,	)	
RABANCO COMPANIES, AND	)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
SEA-TAC DISPOSAL, G-12	)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
	)	REVISIONS; GRANTING TARIFF
Respondent	)	REVISIONS
.....	)	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On April 16, 2007, Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, and Sea-Tac Disposal (Rabanco or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a new Tariff No. 26.
  
- 2 Rabanco's proposed rates were designed to increase revenues by \$375,418 (9.4 percent) annually. Commission Staff's review revealed that some proposed rates were excessive. Staff and the Company negotiated revised rates that would increase annual revenues by approximately \$210,500 (5.29 percent) annually. On May 18, 2007, Rabanco filed lower revised rates on substitute tariff pages to reflect this reduced revenue level.
  
- 3 The Commission received eight customer comments concerning the Company's original (April 16, 2007) filing.
  
- 4 On May 23, 2007, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions to allow customers the opportunity to comment on the revised rates before determining whether the revisions were fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission allowed the revised rates to go into effect on a temporary basis, subject to refund.

5 On May 30, 2007, Consumer Affairs Staff sent each customer who had commented on  
Rabanco's filing a letter advising them of Staff's recommended revised rates. No  
customers commented on the revised rates.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 6 (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, securities, affiliated transactions, and transfers of  
public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040,*  
*RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.28, RCW 81.16, and RCW 81.77.*
- 7 (2) Rabanco is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the  
jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 8 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled  
meeting on June 27, 2007.
- 9 (4) The tariff revisions filed by Rabanco on April 16, 2007, and the substitute pages  
filed on May 18, 2007, increase solid waste rates.
- 10 (5) The Commission allowed the revised rates filed on May 18, 2007, to become  
effective June 1, 2007, on a temporary basis subject to refund.
- 11 (6) Rabanco has demonstrated that it requires additional revenues and the revised  
rates, now in effect on a temporary basis are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient,  
and should become effective permanently.

### **ORDER**

#### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-070749  
dated May 23, 2007, is dismissed.

- 13 (2) The proposed revised rates filed by Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, and Sea-Tac Disposal on May 18, 2007, that reflect Staff recommended levels are approved to become effective July 1, 2007, on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 27, 2007.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman**

**PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner**

**PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner**