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Fiorito Enterprises, Inc., & Rabanco Companies d/b/a Kent Meridian Disposal Co., G-60

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On June 16, 2008, Fiorito Enterprises, Inc., & Rabanco Companies d/b/a Kent Meridian Disposal Co. (Kent Meridian or company), filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$1,487,000 (11.9 percent) in additional revenue per year. The tariff revisions propose to increase rates for solid waste, curbside recycling, and yardwaste collection. The proposed rate revisions are prompted by increases in labor, fuel, medical insurance, pension costs, and other operating expenses. Kent Meridian serves approximately 34,000 residential and commercial regulated customers in Southern King County between North Bend, Issaquah and Auburn. Kent Meridian's last rate increase was a disposal fee increase which became effective on January 1, 2008.

Today's presentation allows customers or other interested parties to comment to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on July 31, 2008.

Kent Meridian notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail on June 30, 2008. The commission has not received any comments on this filing to date.

Rate Comparison

<u>Residential - monthly rates</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
One Mini Can per week	\$ 7.51	\$8.45
One 32 gallon Cart per week	11.40	13.03
One 60 gallon Cart per week	18.91	20.08
Curbside Recycling	5.14	7.71
Recycling Commodity Credit	(1.40)	(1.40)
Yardwaste	6.29	8.37

Commercial - per pickup

One Yard Container	12.06	16.63
Two Yard Container	22.22	30.61

Average Customer Charge Comparison – One 32 Gallon Cart Customer

<u>Monthly Service</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Garbage Component	\$11.40	\$13.03
Mandatory Recycling net of commodity credit	<u>3.74</u>	<u>6.31</u>
Total Garbage and recycling	\$15.14	\$19.34
Voluntary Yardwaste	<u>6.29</u>	<u>8.37</u>
Total: Garbage, Recycling and Yardwaste	<u>\$21.43</u>	<u>\$27.71</u>

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of Kent Meridian's financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

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