

Agenda Date: April 27, 2023
Item Number: B2

Docket: TG- 230177
Company Name: American Disposal Company, Inc. d/b/a Vashon Disposal

Staff: Rachel Stark, Regulatory Services
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Recommendation

Take no action allowing tariff pages filed by American Disposal Company, Inc. d/b/a Vashon Disposal, on March 14, 2023, to become effective May 1, 2023, by operation of law.

Discussion

On March 14, 2023, American Disposal Company, Inc., d/b/a Vashon Disposal (Vashon or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to Tariff No. 2 that would generate approximately \$117,000 (8.6 percent) in additional annual revenue. The Company provides solid waste and recycling services to approximately 2,500 residential, 240 commercial, 5 roll-off, and 1,500 residential recycling customers on Vashon Island in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective January 1, 2019.

The request is due to increasing costs since the last general rate case including depreciation expenses, and recovery of new capital assets, increases in employee wages and benefits, fuel, and other general operating expenses.

Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the books and records of the Company and found the costs support the requested revenue requirement and are necessary to provide service. The requested rates are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Rate Comparison

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Increase	Revised Rate	Percentage Increase
Residential Service: Item 100				
1 Can: Monthly Garbage	\$6.36	\$0.75	\$7.11	11.8%
Mini Can: Weekly Garbage w/Recycling	\$14.24	\$1.68	\$15.92	11.8%
1 Can: Every Other week Garbage w/Recycling	\$14.57	(\$0.47)	\$14.10	-3.22%
1 Can: Every Other Week Recycling w/out Garbage	\$16.07	(\$0.52)	\$15.55	-3.23%
Commercial Cans: Item 245				
Each Scheduled Pickup, Grouped	\$3.88	\$0.46	\$4.34	11.8%
Minimum Monthly Charge	\$16.81	\$1.98	\$18.79	11.7%
Occasional Extra	\$4.36	\$0.51	\$4.87	11.7%
Commercial Containers (Permanent Services): Item 240				
1 yard	\$21.20	\$2.50	\$23.70	11.8%
1.5 yard	\$27.17	\$3.20	\$30.37	11.8%
2 yard	\$37.50	\$4.41	\$41.91	11.8%
20 yard Drop Box	\$121.20	\$14.27	\$135.47	11.8%

Customer Comments

On February 27, 2023, the Company notified its customers by mail of the proposed rate increase. Staff have received no comments.

Conclusions

Staff has completed its review of the Company's documentation. Staff's review shows that the revised tariff pages filed are reasonable and required as part of the Company's operations.

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