

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-080868
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER 01
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
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RABANCO LTD, D/B/A EASTSIDE	)	
DISPOSAL AND ALLIED WASTE	)	
SERVICES OF BELLEVUE,	)	
G-98	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On May 16, 2008, Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue (Rabanco) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 11. The stated effective date is July 1, 2008.
- 2     In this filing, Rabanco proposes to increase solid waste rates for the collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste. Rabanco’s proposed rates were designed to increase revenues by \$637,500 (7.05 percent) annually. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public and Rabanco has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3     (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 and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.*

- 4 (2) Rabanco is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2008.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions Rabanco filed on May 16, 2008, would increase charges and rates for service Rabanco provides.
- 7 (5) Rabanco has not yet demonstrated that the provisions for the rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (6) In addition, the Commission invokes the rights, remedies and procedures contained in the reparations statute, [RCW 81.04.220](#), to the extent the Commission finds that any rate subject to this investigation is excessive or exorbitant.
- 9 (7) Rabanco may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation consistent with [RCW 81.20](#).

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 10 (1) The tariff revisions Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue filed on May 16, 2008, are suspended.
- 11 (2) The Commission may hold hearings if needed at such times and places as required.
- 12 (3) Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue must not change or alter the tariff pages filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless the Commission authorizes the change in this docket.
- 13 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as necessary and as described above.

- 14 (5) Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with [RCW 81.20](#).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 26, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner