

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-082230
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING
SANITARY SERVICE CO., INC.,)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
G-14,)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 16, 2008, Sanitary Service Co., Inc., (Sanitary Service or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 6. The stated effective date is February 1, 2009.
- 2 On January 29, 2009, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 3 Staff’s analysis showed Sanitary Service’s proposed residential recycling rates were excessive. Staff and the Company negotiated lower, revised rates for recycling that would generate about \$54,500 (7.0 percent) in additional annual revenue. The proposed yard waste rates are cost justified. On January 22, 2009, the Company filed a substitute page with the Commission at Staff’s revised rates.
- 4 At the open meeting on January 29, 2009, the Commission allowed the revised rates filed on January 22, 2009, to become effective February 1, 2009, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 5 The Commission Staff notified customers who had commented on the Company’s original filing that they could file comments on the temporary rates. The Commission has received no additional customer comments.

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 the rates, rules, 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.*
- 7 (2) Sanitary Service is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 28, 2009.
- 9 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Sanitary Service has demonstrated that it requires additional revenues and has filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels.
- 10 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Sanitary Service filed in Docket TG-082230 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-082230, dated January 29, 2009, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff No. 6 to become effective on June 1, 2009, on a permanent basis.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-082230, entered on January 29, 2009, is dismissed.
- 12 (2) The tariff revisions Sanitary Service Co., Inc., filed in this docket on January 22, 2009, shall become effective on June 1, 2009, on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 28, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner