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Docket: TG-070749
Company Name: Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, and Sea-Tac Disposal, G-12

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Recommendation

1. Dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies and Sea-Tac Disposal.
2. Make the temporary rates permanent effective July 1, 2007.

Discussion

On April 16, Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, and Sea-Tac Disposal, G-12 (Rabanco or company), filed a new Tariff 26 to combine its Tariff 25 and its Tariff 20 (adopted from Waste Management of Washington, Inc.). The filing proposed to increase some garbage rates and to decrease others. Residential recycling and yard waste rates increase under the proposed rates. The proposed filing generated about \$375,418 (9.4 percent) annually. On May 18, the company filed revised rates at the staff recommended level. The revised rates generate approximately \$210,500 (5.29 percent) annually. The company serves 11,600 regulated solid waste customers in southern King county.

On May 23, 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 June 1.

Eight customers commented on the proposed filing. Most customers voiced concern about the increase in the residential recycling rate. On May 30, the Consumer Affairs staff sent a letter to these eight customers advising them of the staff's recommended revised rates. No customers commented on the revised rates.

The following schedule shows a sample of present, proposed and revised rates:

	Present	Proposed	Revised
<u>Residential Monthly Rates</u>			
<u>Tariff 25</u>			
One Can	\$9.40	\$9.55	\$9.55
60 Gallon Toter	\$13.60	\$13.80	\$13.80
Recycle	\$4.74	\$6.91	\$6.33
96 Gallon E.O.W. Yard Waste	\$6.96	\$8.00	\$7.50
Company-Owned Toter Rent	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.50
 <u>Tariff 20</u>			
One Can	\$11.45	\$9.55	\$9.55
60 Gallon Toter	\$18.45	\$13.80	\$13.80
Recycle	\$6.60	\$6.91	\$6.33
96 Gallon Weekly Yard Waste	\$9.85	\$11.60	\$10.40
Company-Owned Toter Rent	N/A	\$1.50	\$1.50
 <u>Commercial - per Pickup</u>			
<u>Tariff 25</u>			
One Yard Container	\$10.50	\$11.35	\$11.35
 <u>Tariff 20</u>			
One Yard Container	\$11.50	\$11.35	\$11.35
 <u>Drop Boxes - per Pickup</u>			
<u>Tariff 25</u>			
20 Yard	\$68.50	\$120.00	\$112.00
 <u>Tariff 20</u>			
20 Yard	\$92.20	\$120.00	\$112.00

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the commission dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Rabanco, LTD, d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Kent, Rabanco Companies, and Sea-Tac Disposal and make the temporary rates permanent effective July 1, 2007.