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November 14, 2008

David Danner, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Annual Commodity Price Tracker and Item 230 Disposal Fees

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed are revisions to our Solid Waste Tariff No. 6 for Permit G-14. These tariff pages have an issue date of November 13, 2008, with an effective date of January 1, 2009. The proposed rates decrease the residential commodity price tracker from a charge of \$0.38 per month to a credit of \$0.16 per month. This represents a decrease of \$0.54 per month, and the annual impact will reduce our revenues by \$128,943. The multi-family commodity price tracker will decrease from a charge of \$0.30 per yard to a charge of \$0.09 per yard. This represents a decrease of \$0.21 per month, and the annual impact will reduce our revenues by \$30,669.

These numbers generally do NOT reflect the recent catastrophic declines in commodity values due to the current economic slump. If we were to include these reductions, the charges to customers would actually increase, not decrease. We feel such adjustments would actually be more realistic of current trends, and would mitigate even larger increases we anticipate in the future if nothing is done now. We will be discussing this possibility with Commission staff soon.

We have also been notified by Recycling and Disposal Services, Inc. (RDS), that the City of Ferndale has increased its Solid Waste Utility Tax from 8.00% to 9.00% effective January 1'2009. We therefore made the necessary changes also to our Pass Through Disposal Fees in Item 230 of the tariff.

Work papers supporting these changes have been sent Commission staff. The customer notice for affected customers will be printed on bills sent out starting on January 2, 2009.

If you have any questions relating to this filing, please contact me at (360) 734-3490.

Sincerely,

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