BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of  Fees to be Paid by Solid Waste Collection Companies under the Provisions of RCW 81.77.080  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | ) ) ) ) ) )  )  )  ) | DOCKET TG-100039  ORDER 01  ORDER MAINTAINING REGULATORY FEES AT .004 FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES |

## BACKGROUND

1. RCW 81.77.080 requires that every solid waste collection company operating in this state under the jurisdiction of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) shall file a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion of the year, and pay to the Commission a fee equal to one percent of the amount of gross operating revenue.
2. The Commission may decrease the percentage rate to be paid in any year by general order entered before March 1 of that year. In decreasing such rate, the Commission must take into consideration all monies on hand in the solid waste collection companies’ account of the public service revolving fund and fees currently to be paid into such fund, to the end that the fees collected shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of supervising and regulating such carriers. In 2009, the Commission set the fee at four-tenths of one percent.
3. RCW 81.77.080 allows the Commission to set, by rule, minimum fees and provisions for waiver of a minimum fee. WAC 480-70-076 sets the minimum regulatory fee at twenty-dollars ($20.00); such fee is waived for any solid waste collection company with less than two thousand dollars ($2,000) of total gross intrastate operating revenue.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. (1) The 2010 regulatory fee for solid waste collection companies is now before the Commission for consideration. The Commission, being advised, has considered all monies on hand and the fees currently to be paid and has determined the fee should be set at .4 of one percent. The minimum regulatory fee is twenty-dollars ($20.00). A fee of less than twenty-dollars ($20.00) is waived for any solid waste collection company with less than two thousand dollars ($2,000) of total gross intrastate operating revenue. *WAC 480-70-076.*

# **O R D E R**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. (1) The fee to be paid to the Commission under the provisions of RCW 81.77.080 is set at .4 of one percent based on 2009 calendar year gross operating revenue from intrastate (Washington) operations of solid waste companies. The minimum regulatory fee is twenty-dollars ($20.00). The fee for any solid waste collection company with less than two thousand dollars ($2,000) of total gross intrastate operating revenue is waived.

The Commissioners, having determined the fee for 2010, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 25, 2010.

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary