Empire Disposal, Inc. 509 N Sumner St PO Box 649 Colfax. WA 99111

November 6, 2014

Mr. Steven V. King Executive Director and Secretary Attn: Records Section Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia WA 98504-7250

RE: Tariff Submittal, Tariff Number 13 for Empire Disposal, Inc. G-75.

Dear Mr. King:

Our Company has been notified that the tipping fee at the Whitman County Transfer Station will increase from \$98.00 to \$102.00 per ton, a 4% increase. This will increase revenue for the residential customers by \$11,944 1.16%; commercial customers by \$11,916 1.0%; and drop box service by \$2,511 4% for a 12-month period. There are approximately 3,187 residential; 710 commercial and 5 drop box customers affected by this change.

Our Company was also notified by the Spokane Utilities Division that the tipping fee at the Waste to Energy Plant will increase from \$99.50 to \$102.39 per ton, a 2.9% increase, Notification attached. The tipping fee at the Valley Transfer Station will decrease from \$104.59 to \$101.00, a 3.59% decrease. This will decrease revenue for the residential customers by \$1,367 .42%; commercial customers by \$525 .40%; and drop box service by \$40 .34% for a 12-month period. There are approximately 1,077 residential, 86 commercial and 2 drop box customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase for Empire Disposal was approved by the Commission, September 1, 2013

As instructed by the UTC staff during the audit of TG-132227 and TG-132228 the audited calculations have been updated with the increase in tipping fees, no changes to tonnage or customer count have been made.

Attached are revised pages as well as supporting documentation to justify this increase. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective January 1, 2015. Pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2) (iii), affected customers will receive notification of the change on the first billing reflecting the revision to rates.

We also request that the Commission, on its own Motion under WAC 480-07-370 (b), allow this disposal fee filing as an exception to the general rate case workpaper rule at WAC 480-07-520.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 832-8749, or via email at <u>irmgardw@wcnx.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Irmgard R Wilcox Senior Pricing Manager