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November 14, 2016

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 15, Empire Disposal, Inc. G-75.

Dear Mr. King:

Our Company has been notified by Whitman County Department of Public Works that the tipping fee at the Whitman County Transfer Station will increase from \$102.00 to \$106.00 per ton, a 3.9% increase, effective January 1, 2017. We project this will increase revenue for the residential service by \$11,700 (1.1%); for commercial service by \$12,000 (1.3%); and drop box service by \$2,200 (3.9%) for a 12-month period. There are approximately 3,300 residential, 750 commercial, and 5 drop box customers affected by this change. The last general rate increase for Empire Disposal was approved by the Commission, October 1, 2016.

Attached are revised tariff pages and supporting documentation containing the revised rates. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective January 1, 2017. 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) 695-4923, or via email at heatherg@wcnx.org.

Sincerely,

Heather Garland
Pricing Manager