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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Olympia, WA. 98504-7250

Subject: Waste Management of Kennewick a division of Waste Management of Washington Inc.(G-237); Tariff #16

Enclosed, please find revised pages, 2 and 28 to the above-referenced tariff. These proposed revised tariff pages reflect an increase in the Item 230 – Disposal Fees charged at the Kennewick Transfer Station (KTS). Due to increased operating costs, the KTS will be increasing its fee from \$39.04 to \$59.95 per ton effective December 4, 2017. It has been seven years since Waste Management of Kennewick has received a disposal fee increase.

KTS is an affiliate of Waste Management of Kennewick. In accordance with RCW 81.77.160(3) the disposal pass-through rate rules apply, as the total cost of disposal including transfer, transport and disposal is currently considerably lower than any other reasonable and available option. The other possible available options for disposal are at either the Columbia Basin transfer station or the City of Richland landfill.

In addition to the additional time it would take to transport the waste to these alternatives, the cost to dispose of the waste would be considerably higher than the requested disposal rate increase with this filing. The currently posted gate rates at each of these sites is \$69.00 and \$76.15 per ton, respectively.

Accordingly, we find it necessary and appropriate to request that this rate increase be passed on to our roll off customers. This rate increase will affect approximately 200 temporary and permanent roll off customers and will generate an estimated additional annual revenue of approximately \$40,000. Upon the approval by the Commission of this filing, these affected customers will be notified of this rate increase on their next regularly scheduled billing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (425) 814-7840.

Sincerely,

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