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Subject:

(G-237); Tariff # 18

Enclosed are the revised pages 2, 21, 22 and 23 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the change in the commodity credit for residential customers receiving subscription recycling collection services. These tariff revisions reflect a change in the current recycling credit from <\$2.31> to a credit of <\$0.67> per month for residential customers.

This change is jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages and materials composition since the commodity credit adjustment on July 1, 2017. Furthermore, with this filing we are requesting a deviation from the prior practice of estimating the projected revenues based on the revenues received over the past 12 months. We believe that due to the impacts of China's National Sword policy this is not representative of what we can reasonably expect that commodity values will be over the next 12 months.

Accordingly, we feel that a more reasonable measure of the projected commodity revenues should be based on when this policy was implemented on January 1, 2018. We believe this change will mitigate a much larger impact on future changes in the annual commodity rebates. We are requesting that the proposed effective date of these tariff revisions be July 1, 2018.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers. Customers will be notified of the change in their recycling credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing after approval by the Commission. In addition, the counties have been notified of these proposed tariff changes.

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

Very truly yours.

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