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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Sirs:

Subject: Waste Management of Spokane, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237); Tariff # 18

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 22, and 26 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the change in the commodity credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. These tariff revisions reflect a decrease of the current commodity credit from \$2.65 to \$0.70 per month for residential customers and a decrease to the rebate of \$0.43 per yard to \$0.16 per yard for multi-family customers.

The decrease in the commodity credit is jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages and materials composition since the commodity credit adjustment on August 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 August 1, 2018.

Finally, in accordance with RCW 81.77.185, the recycling commodity credit is also being adjusted to accommodate a new Revenue Sharing Plan (RSA) with Spokane County for the period of August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2020, under which the Company is authorized to retain up to 50% of recycling commodity revenues to be spent on program activities. This RSA which has been certified by County officials, is included with this filing with a budget for the anticipated revenues and expenditures and narrative explanation of how the recycling revenue retained will be used to increase recycling.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers and the Spokane County Certified Revenue Sharing Plan. Customers will be notified of the change in their commodity credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission.

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

Very truly yours,

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