

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of
Fees to be Paid by Low-Level Radioactive
Waste Site Operators Under the Provisions
of RCW 81.108.090

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ORDER 01

ORDER INCREASING
REGULATORY FEES FOR LOW-
LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
SITES

BACKGROUND

- 1 Under RCW 81.108.090, every low-level radioactive waste site operating in this state under jurisdiction of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) must pay a regulatory fee equal to one percent (.01) of its gross operating revenue exclusive of site surveillance fees, perpetual care and maintenance fees, site closure fees, and state or federally imposed out-of-region surcharges.
- 2 Under RCW 81.108.090(2), the Commission may, by general order, decrease the percentage rate to be paid in any year. In decreasing this rate, the Commission must take into consideration the monies then in the low-level radioactive waste site account of the public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid, to the end that the fees collected shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of regulating low-level radioactive waste sites. In 2002, the Commission set the fee at zero percent (.00), where it has remained to this date.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 The 2019 regulatory fee came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 28, 2019.
- 4 The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate low level radioactive waste sites. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04 and RCW 81.108.
- 5 The 2019 regulatory fee is now before the Commission for consideration and the Commission, being advised, has considered all monies available and the fees currently to

be paid and determined the fee to be paid by low-level radioactive waste sites should be set at one percent (.01).

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 The fee to be paid to the Commission under the provisions of RCW 81.108.090 is set at one percent (.01) for low-level radioactive waste sites based on the 2018 calendar year operations.
- 7 The Commissioners, having determined the fee for 2019, directed the Secretary to issue this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 28, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary