



August 24, 2022

Mr. Derek Ranta, District Manager
Columbia Resource Company (CRC)
PO Box 61726
Vancouver, WA 98666

RE: 2023 CPI Adjustment-CRC Tip Fee(s)

Dear Mr. Ranta,

Pursuant to Section 12.3.1 CPI Adjustment of the Solid Waste Recycling, Transfer, Transportation and Out-of-County Disposal Contract, CRC notified the county on August 10, 2022 of CRC's intent regarding the option to adjust the basic tipping fee beginning January 1, 2023 based on changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Staff has reviewed the CRC calculation to determine the adjustment of the tip fee including a review of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue region. Staff concurs with the CRC calculation of the year-over-year CPI increase of 8.585%.

Staff have reviewed the year over year change in outbound Clark County tonnage pursuant to Section 12.3.1(B) of the Contract. County data indicates that year over year outbound Clark County tonnage increased by 8.1% during the period of review. As such, pursuant to Section 12.3.1(A) of the Contract CRC is entitled to adjust the basic tipping fee by 75% of CPI which equates to an increase of 6.439%

2023 Basic tip fee for MSW will increase by \$6.32 from \$98.08 to \$104.40. The 2023 basic tip fee for waste delivered in commercial drop boxes will increase by \$5.60 from \$86.92 to 92.52.

CRC has indicated they intend to exercise the option to adjust the revenue retained for processing recyclables under Section 9.2.2(B) by the allowable amount of 7.040%. The revenue retained from processing will increase from \$37.83 to \$40.49 per ton.

The Clark County Council has approved an ordinance establishing a per ton fee of \$1.43 to support county environmental health solid waste programs. This fee is not subject to an adjustment by CPI.

The annual inflation adjustment to the 2023 Basic tip fee including the County Fee is as follows:

	<u>MSW</u>	<u>Drop Box</u>
2022 Basic Tip Fee	\$98.08	\$86.92
2023 CPI adjustment	6.32	5.60
County Health Fee	<u>1.43</u>	<u>1.43</u>
Total 2023 Tip Fee (Basic+ CPI Adj+ County)	\$105.83	\$93.95

The County wishes to reiterate the fact that the option to take any or the full increase to the MSW and Drop Box tipping fees based on the 6.439 % CPI is at the sole discretion of CRC.

Per your notification letter, these rates will become effective January 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 904-0380 or George Sidles at (360) 605-9837.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Davis
Senior Environmental Operations Specialist
Solid Waste Operations

Cc: George Sidles, Solid Waste Program Manager, Clark County Public Health
Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor, City of Vancouver Public Works



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September 15, 2022

Mr. Derek Ranta, District Manager
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RE: Approval of Additional Work Request for Central Transfer Station (CTS) Access Improvement Project (Project).

Dear Mr. Ranta,

Pursuant to Article 22.5 Contractor Compensation for Additional Work of the Solid Waste Recycling, Transfer, Transportation and Out-of-County Disposal Contract (Contract), CRC on August 10, 2022 submitted a request to the county to adjust the tipping fee to compensate CRC for permitting and construction costs associated with the CTS Project. The request to adjust the 2023 tip fee to compensate CRC for Additional Work that occurred in 2021-22 has been calculated to be \$.14 per ton.

The County has previously approved CRC requests for Additional Work related to the CTS Project. Contractual compensation for Additional Work #1 related to the property acquisition in 2017, and Additional Work #2 for engineering and design work that occurred in 2019. Additional Work Items #1 and 2# were closed out at the end of 2021 and not included in the 2022 Tip Fee adjustment.

Additional Work #3 and #4 were requested by CRC to compensate CRC for engineering, design, and construction costs associated with the CTS Project. The requests were previously approved by the County in 2020 and 2021. Additional Work #3 in the amount of \$.06 per ton was initially approved for inclusion in the 2021 tip fee adjustment. Additional Work #3 in the amount of \$.06 per ton and Additional Work #4 in the amount of \$.31 were approved for inclusion in the 2022 Tip Fee adjustment.

Additional Work #5 was requested by CRC to compensate CRC for engineering and construction costs associated with the completion of the CTS Project. The Project was completed in June of this year. No further requests for Additional Work associated with the Access Project is anticipated.

Per the terms and conditions of Article 22.5 Contractor Compensation for Additional Work, the tip fee calculation is to be spread out over the remaining years of the term of the contract and recalculated on an annual basis based on actual tonnage, revenue generated and remaining principle. Solid Waste Operations staff has recommended that CRC's request for Additional Work #5 in the amount of \$.14 be approved by the County. I am, therefore, approving a \$.14 per ton adjustment to the 2023 tip fee based on the contractual formula described in Article 22.5.



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The 2023 Tip Fee will be adjusted for Additional Work as follows:

Additional Work Request	2023 Tip Fee Adjustment
1#	\$.00 Closed Out
2#	\$.00 Closed Out
3#	\$.06
4#	\$.31
5#	<u>\$.14</u>
Total Adjustment 2023	\$.51

Per your notification letter, the adjustment for additional work will become effective January 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact George Sidles at (360) 605-9837.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Otto

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County Manager

Cc: Alan Melnick
Brian Schlottmann
George Sidles