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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary  
Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC)  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
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**RE: *Benton County's Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan Update, Preliminary Draft***

Dear Executive Director and Secretary Amanda Maxwell:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Benton County's Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on August 14, 2023. Today, I am providing you with their Plan and requesting UTC review of the Plan. You may access the Plan via this online folder in Box:

<https://app.box.com/s/g6oc9cqpw45trr2adrupoluh0hgpti6s>

Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [70A.205.065](#), Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any Preliminary Draft Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under chapter [81.77](#) RCW and advise the submitting entity and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for Benton and for Ecology are below:

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I look forward to receiving your input. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure via [BOX link](#)

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