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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Requested)	
Waiver of Statutory Notice in	)	DOCKET TG - 970547
Connection with the Tariff)	
Revisions Filed by	)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc.	)	THAN STATUTORY NOTICE,
. . . . .	)	REQUIRING DEFERRED
. . . . .	)	ACCOUNTING, AND REQUIRING
. . . . .	)	COMPANY TO FILE
. . . . .	)	INFORMATION

On March 25, 1997, Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., filed with the Commission a petition to revise its currently effective Tariff 2 via a new Supplement 1.

The tariff supplement sheet bears an inserted effective date of May 15, 1997. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. The company requests, however, that statutory notice be waived and that the revisions become effective April 1, 1997.

The purpose of the filing is to reflect decreased rates for the collection of residential and commercial solid waste for customers in unincorporated Whatcom County.

Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., requests the Commission approve the proposed changes to become effective on less-than-statutory notice to allow the company to pass disposal fee savings to customers.

Since the tariff revisions filed herein are fair, just and reasonable, and there is good cause for waiver of statutory notice, it is deemed appropriate that the company be granted the waiver it is requesting with an effective date of April 1, 1997.

FINDINGS

After careful examination of the tariff revisions filed herein by Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., on March 25, 1997, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission, at its Open Public Meeting of March 31, 1997, ordered that the tariff revisions should become effective April 1, 1997.

Because of the uncertainty of future disposal fees, the Commission directs Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., to establish a deferred accounting mechanism beginning April 1, 1997, to monitor and adjust rates to reflect actual disposal fee changes in the future.

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Also, because of the many changes in financial conditions since the last rate case, the Commission directs Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., to file the information set forth in WAC 480-09-335 no later than October 1, 1997. The Commission requests the company file tariffs to reflect appropriate rates at that time.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS That:

1. The requested waiver of statutory notice in connection with the tariff revisions filed herein by Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., on March 25, 1997, is hereby granted, and said tariff revisions shall become effective April 1, 1997.

2. Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc. shall establish a deferred accounting mechanism beginning April 1, 1997, to monitor and adjust rates to reflect actual disposal fee changes in the future.

3. Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., shall file the information set forth in WAC 480-09-335 no later than October 1, 1997, and the Commission requests the company file tariffs to reflect appropriate rates.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 1st day of April, 1997.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner