

**Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.  
Harbor Disposal and Eastern Grays Harbor Disposal  
4201 Olympic Hiway, Aberdeen WA 9820**

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June 15, 2021

Mr. Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Attn: Records Section  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
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Lacey, WA 98503

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RE: Tariff Submittal, General Rate Case and Incremental COVID 19 Cost Recovery - Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. dba Harbor Disposal and Eastern Gray's Harbor Disposal G-98.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We respectfully ask that the Commission accept this filing to recover increased general operating expenses and incremental COVID 19 costs, as explained below.

**General Rate Filing Request**

Attached please find revised pages for Tariff Number 13, for Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. dba Harbor Disposal and Eastern Gray's Harbor Disposal.

With this filing, we respectfully request the Commission approve a general rate increase to recover new capital, higher costs of employee wages, benefits, fuel and general operating costs.

The increase is proposed as follows: Residential garbage service \$152,000, 8.8%; residential recycling service (\$30,300), (3.96%); commercial service \$100,400, 8.76%; and roll-off service \$45,000, 8.95%. There are approximately 7,000 residential; 7,000 residential recycle; 1,200 commercial; and 50 roll-off customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by The Commission for Harbor Disposal became effective June 1, 2018.

**Incremental COVID 19 Costs**

Also included in this filing is our request to recover \$35,300 of incremental COVID-19 costs, over a two-year period, beginning August 1, 2021. The two-year period is requested to minimize the monthly impact to customers. These costs include supplemental payments to all hourly employees, sanitary cleaning, and building and property expenses needed to maintain a safe work environment.

The increase is proposed as follows: Residential garbage service \$7,400, 0.40%; residential recycling service \$2,900, 0.40%; commercial service \$4,900, 0.40%; and roll-off service \$2,000, 0.40%. There are approximately 7,000 residential; 7,000 residential recycle; 1,200 commercial; and 50 roll-off customers affected by this change.

The Company tracks COVID-19 expenses in dedicated general ledger accounts. The regulated portion of those accounts for the period of April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 is \$35,300, or 0.77% of regulated revenue for the same period. Half of that percentage, as to allow for a two-year recovery, is \$17,650 or 0.40% of revenue. Each tariff rate approved as part of the general rate increase will be increased by 0.40%. The Company has provided work papers with this filing, including a Price Out, to support the calculation and prove appropriate recovery of incremental COVID-19 costs.

## **Tariff Pages and Other Filing Considerations**

Attached are the proposed tariff pages containing the increased rates, as well as supporting documentation for all changes described above.

The Company is submitting a new set of "COVID-19 cost recovery" tariff pages, separate from existing tariff pages, in order to clearly state the expiration date of the COVID-19 recovery rates. If subsequent rate increases occur, such as a dump fee increase, the Company will update both sets of tariff pages for the approved increase. When the two-year recovery period ends on July 1, 2023, the Company will start billing the rates on the current "non-COVID-19 cost recovery" tariff pages.

If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they are intended to become effective on August 1, 2021.

Included in this filing is confidential information. To protect certain non-regulated proprietary information we are filing a portion of this filing as confidential, and are filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-160.

A rate increase notification letter will be mailed to all customers affected by these proposed changes no later than June 30, 2021. A notice letter will also be delivered on or before June 30, 2021 to the office of the Grays Harbor County Council Chair.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 695-4923, or [Heather.Garland@WasteConnections.com](mailto:Heather.Garland@WasteConnections.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Garland", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heather Garland  
Pricing Manager