

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-060408
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
v.)	
)	
Waste Management of Washington)	
in Seattle & South Sound, Inc., G-237)	ORDER DISMISSING
)	COMPLAINT AND MAKING
)	TEMPORARY RATES
Respondent.)	PERMANENT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 15, 2006, Waste Management of Washington in Seattle & South Sound, Inc. (WM-SS or company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission a new Tariff No. 21. The filing cancelled Tariff No. 20 and Tariff No. 6 and contained rate increases.
- 2 On April 26, 2006, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions but allowed temporary rates to become effective May 1, 2006, subject to refund.
- 3 The filing was suspended because the tentative contract for union drivers had been agreed to but not yet ratified by the membership. That vote occurred on May 7, 2006, and has now become official. The labor and fringe benefit cost increases built into revised rates has therefore been confirmed.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.01 RCW; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.77 RCW.*

- 5 (2) WM-SS is a solid waste company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2006.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions(s) presently under suspension are fair, just and reasonable.
- 8 (5) After review of the tariff revision(s) filed in Docket TG-060408 by WM-SS and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest that the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision(s) in Docket TG-060408, dated March 15, 2006, be dismissed and the tariff revision(s) contained within Tariff 21 become permanently effective immediately.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision(s) in Docket TG-060408, dated April 26, 2006, is dismissed.
- 10 (2) The Waste Management of Washington in Seattle and South Sound tariff revisions filed in this docket on March 15, 2006, shall become permanently effective immediately.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 17, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary