

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-130502
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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AMERICAN DISPOSAL)	
COMPANY, INC. (G-87),)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 8, 2013, American Disposal Company, Inc. (American or Company), and its sister company Murrey’s Disposal Company, Inc., Docket TG-130501, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 25, to be replace by Tariff No. 26. The stated effective date is June 1, 2013. The proposed increases are prompted by increases in employee wages and benefits, fuel, parts and equipment.
- 2 In this filing, American proposes to increase charges and rates for service it provides by approximately \$2,287,000 or 8.2 percent. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and American has not demonstrated that the increases would ultimately result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.

- 4 (2) American is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2013.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions American filed on April 8, 2013, would increase charges and rates for service provided by American, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) American has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would ultimately result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 81.04.130 and RCW 81.04.220, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate American's books, accounts, practices and activities, and to investigate and appraise various phases of American's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 81.04.130, American bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) American may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation consistent with the provisions of RCW 81.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions American Disposal Company, Inc., filed on April 8, 2013, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) American Disposal Company, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this Docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of American Disposal Company, Inc.'s books, accounts, practices, activities and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) American Disposal Company, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation consistent with RCW 81.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 10, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner