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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE- SPOKANE COUNTY

Dear Customer:

August 31, 2016

Empire Disposal, Inc. has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC August 1, 2013. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective October 1, 2016. The rate per month will increase as follows:

Residential:	Current Rate	Proposed	
	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Invoiced Every-Other-Month		<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
20 gal weekly	14.43	.83	15.26
1-32 gal weekly	17.71	1.02	18.73
2-32 gal weekly	25.01	1.45	26.46
1-32 gal per month	11.25	.65	11.90
1-65 gal weekly	26.68	1.54	28.22
1-90 gal weekly	33.32	1.93	35.25
Occasional extra unit	4.21	.24	4.45
Other services not listed will increase an average of 5.78%			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Empire Disposal, Inc. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday.

The commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can submit comments by going to utc.wa.gov and clicking "Submit a Comment," or by one of the following options:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250
E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 22, 2016, and you will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, you can participate by telephone by calling 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in.

A memo containing the staff recommendation will be available on the commission website three days prior to the open meeting. To view the memo, go to utc.wa.gov. Under "Quick Links," click on "Open Meeting Agenda." When the open meeting date appears, click on the memo for this filing. This will take you to a page with the memo and any associated attachments.

The commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Management
Empire Disposal, Inc.