

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

BASIN DISPOSAL, INC. AND ED'S
DISPOSAL, INC.,

Respondents.

DOCKETS TG-170981 and TG-
170982 (*Consolidated*)

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COMPLAINT AND ORDER
SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 15, 2017, Basin Disposal, Inc. (BDI) and Ed's Disposal, Inc. (EDI) (collectively, the Companies) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would increase rates and charges for solid waste service provided to customers in the state of Washington. BDI serves approximately 5,500 residential and commercial customers, and Ed's serves approximately 4,500 residential and commercial customers. Both companies operate in Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties.¹
- 2 In this filing, the Companies request authority to increase charges and rates for solid waste service by approximately \$476,000, or 7.5 percent combined, effective December 1, 2017. The proposed revisions will offset wage increases, benefits, medical insurance, new assets, general operating expenses, and adjustments to overhead allocations. BDI's last general rate increase became effective on June 1, 2017, and EDI's was effective on August 1, 2005.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Because the proposed increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and the Companies have not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing

¹ BDI and EDI filed concurrent rate cases because the Companies share common ownership, management, assets, and administrative personnel.

and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

4 The matters in the two dockets appear to involve related facts and principles of law. It is appropriate that they be consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC 480-07-320.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies.
- 6 (2) BDI and EDI are solid waste companies and public service companies subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) The Commission concludes that the tariff revisions BDI and EDI filed on September 15, 2017, warrant further investigation. Accordingly, the tariff revisions should be suspended.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The tariff revisions Basin Disposal, Inc. and Ed's Disposal, Inc. filed on September 15, 2017, are suspended.
- 9 (2) The Commission may hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 10 (3) Basin Disposal, Inc. and Ed's Disposal, Inc. must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period unless authorized by the Commission.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 30, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

JAY M. BALASBAS, Commissioner