

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY INC.
d/b/a OLYMPIC DISPOSAL,

Petitioner,

For Approval of rates subject to condition

DOCKET TG-210912

ORDER 02

GRANTING MOTION FOR
CONTINUANCE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 27, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Allowing rates to go into effect Subject to Condition, in this Docket, which improved a proposed rate increase for Murrey's Disposal Company Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal (Olympic Disposal or Company). The rate increase applied only to the Company's Item 260-Intermodal Box and Chassis rates, which currently apply to two paper mills in Clallam and Jefferson Counties: Port Townsend Paper (PTP) and McKinley Paper Company (McKinley). In its review, Commission staff (Staff) was unable to consider a full test year of financial information due to a service dispute that resulted in the Company not servicing PTP beginning in June 2020 and reestablishing service for both PTP and McKinley in June 2021. The rates were allowed to go into effect subject to the condition that Olympic Disposal file a full 12-month test year by May 15, 2023, to allow for potential rate adjustments.
- 2 On April 17, 2023, Olympic Disposal filed with the Commission a request seeking a continuance of the filing deadline established by Order 01 that requires Olympic Disposal to submit a compliance filing by May 15, 2023, to allow for potential rate adjustments to single Tariff Item-260. The Company requests a 6-month extension until November 15, 2023, for it to prepare and file an overall general rate case to revise its current Tariff No. 25, which will in turn include a full test year of data not only for Item-260 expenses but for the entire geographic and service level scope of Olympic's operations.
- 3 Staff reviewed the Company's request and recommends granting the Company a continuance.

DISCUSSION

4 We grant Olympic Disposal's Motion to continue the deadline established by Order 01
until November 15, 2023.

5 WAC 480-07-385 permits an effected party to request a continuance of any deadline
established by a Commission order provided such a request is made at least five business
days prior to the deadline at issue. Here, Olympic Disposal filed its request for
continuance on April 17, 2023, which is 20 business days prior to the May 15 deadline.
The Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good
cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the
Commission.

6 We agree with Staff that good cause exists to grant the Motion because it will allow
Olympic Disposal time to file a full general rate case, which will include a full 12-month
test period of all Company expenses. Granting the continuance will ensure a complete
review of all Company expenses and is thus consistent with the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

7 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts,
securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service
companies, including water companies.

8 (2) Olympic Disposal is a solid waste collection company and a public service
company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

9 (3) The original proposed effective date for the Company's compliance filing in
Docket TG-210912 was May 15, 2023, as required by Order 01.

10 (4) Under WAC 480-07-385(2)(a), any party may request by oral or written motion a
continuance of a deadline established by Commission order. The Commission
will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the
continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission.

11 (5) On April 17, 2023, Olympic Disposal filed a request that the Commission extend
the deadline established Order 01 and allow the Company to file a general rate

case, which will include the 12-month of expenses required, with an effective date no later than November 15, 2023.

- 12 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2023.
- 13 (7) After reviewing Olympic Disposal's motion and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission and that it should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) Murrey's Disposal Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal's motion for continuance is granted. Murrey's Disposal Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal must file a general rate case with an effective date no later than November 15, 2023.
- 15 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Murrey's Disposal Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective May 11, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary