

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	DOCKETS TG-080079 and TG-080082
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Complainant,	)	ORDER 02
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v.	)	
	)	
MURREY’S DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC., G-9 AND AMERICAN DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC., G-87	)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
	)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF REVISIONS
Respondent.	)	
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 14, 2008, Murrey’s Disposal Company, Inc., and American Disposal Company, Inc., (Murrey’s and American or Companies), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to their currently effective Tariff No. 25. In these filings, Murrey’s and American propose to increase residential and multi-family recycling rates, increase yard waste rates and pass through increased disposal fees. Murrey’s and American’s proposed rates were designed to increase revenues by \$1,268,000 (4.8 percent) annually. Commission Staff’s review revealed that the proposed rates were excessive. Staff and Murrey’s and American negotiated revised rates that would increase annual revenues by approximately \$1,087,000 (4.11 percent).
- 2 On February 28, 2008, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions to allow customers the opportunity to comment on the revised rates before determining whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient. The Commission allowed the revised rates to go into effect on a temporary basis on March 1, 2008.
- 3 Murrey’s and American notified their customers of the proposed rate increase by mail on January 30, 2008. The Commission received comments from 30 customers concerning the Companies’ original filings. On March 3, 2008, Consumer Affairs Staff sent the

customers a letter advising them of Staff's recommended revised rates. No customers commented on the revised rates.

**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 the rates, rules, 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.*
- 5 (2) Murrey's and American are solid waste companies and public service companies subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) These matters came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2008.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Murrey's and American have demonstrated that they require additional revenues and have filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels.
- 8 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Murrey's and American filed in Dockets TG-080079 and TG-080082 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Dockets TG-080079 and TG-080082, dated February 28, 2008, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff No. 25 to become effective on April 1, 2008.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 9 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Dockets TG-080079 and TG-080082, entered on February 28, 2008, is dismissed.

- 10 (2) The proposed revised tariff pages that Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc., and American Disposal Company, Inc., filed in these dockets on February 19, 2008, shall become effective on April 1, 2008, on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 27, 2008.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman**

**PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner**

**PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner**