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**SUBJECT: Columbia River Disposal Proposed Rate Increase**

Dear Commissioners,

Silver Star is a 30-year-old manufacturing company in Skamania County. We employ over 100 workers in the area and ship product across the United States. Margins in our industry are extremely competitive. Our waste disposal is handled by Columbia River Disposal, and we were concerned to receive notice they requested a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

As a company, our waste costs have significantly increased over the last several years. When Columbia River Disposal took over the previous company, just two years ago, our costs were increased. Currently, our waste disposal costs nearly \$90,000.00 annually.

Additionally, there are no other available service options in our area. Columbia River Disposal has no competition we are aware of. It appears our only alternative would be to purchase equipment and a vehicle to manage and transport our own waste internally.

In summary, our current waste expense is already much higher than it has been in our company history, and has been recently increased. There are no other viable options competing in this market. A rate increase at this time would directly impact our ability to hire and retain employees, as well our short-to-medium run sustainability.

Silver Star respectfully requests the Commission not grant this rate increase.

Sincerely,

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