

**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 03  
  
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 approved 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. In Order 02 of this docket, the Company was granted a continuance of Order 01, changing the required filing to have an effective date no later than November 15, 2023.
- 2 On September 15, 2023, Olympic Disposal filed a general rate increase filing with the commission with an effective date of November 1, 2023. This has been docketed as TG-230778. Due to several complex issues arising during the review of the filing, on October 19, 2023, the Company extended the effective date from November 1, 2023, to December 1, 2023.
- 3 On November 15, 2023, Olympic Disposal submitted an additional request for extension as issues remain under review and discussion (Motion). The Company requested to extend the effective date of the tariff to January 1, 2024.
- 4 Staff reviewed the Company’s request and recommends granting the Company a

continuance.

### DISCUSSION

5 In Order 02 dated May 11, 2023, the Commission granted Olympic Disposal's  
motion to continue the deadline established by Order 01 until November 15, 2023.

6 WAC 480-07-385 permits an affected 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 to  
extend the effective date of the tariff revisions on October 19, 2023, which is 19  
business days prior to the November 15, 2023, deadline. Further, the Company filed its  
current request to extend the effective date of the tariff revisions on November 15,  
2023, which is 12 business days prior to the requested effective date of December 1,  
2023. 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.

7 We agree with Staff that good cause exists to grant the Company's Motion because it  
will allow Olympic Disposal and Staff to be able to complete the review and potentially  
resolve the matters remaining. Granting the continuance will ensure a complete review  
of all Company expenses and is thus consistent with the public interest.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

8 (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 solid waste collection companies.

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

10 (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.

11 (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.

- 12 (5) On April 17, 2023, the Company requested for continuance of the deadline. On May 11, 2023, the Commission granted in Order 02 the Company's request allowing a continuance of the deadline to November 15, 2023.
- 13 (6) On October 19, 2023, and November 15, 2023, Olympic Disposal filed a request that the Commission extend the effective date of the tariff revisions filed in compliance with Order 02, allowing additional time for the Company to work with Staff to complete the review.
- 14 (7) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 22, 2023.
- 15 (8) 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:**

- 16 (1) Murrey's Disposal Inc. d/b/a Olympic Disposal's Motion for continuance is granted. The effective date established in Order 02 of this docket is revised to January 1, 2024.
- 17 (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 November 22, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

KATHY HUNTER  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary