**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,  Complainant,  v.  MASON COUNTY GARBAGE CO, INC., DBA MASON COUNTY GARBAGE, G-88,  Respondent.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | DOCKET TG-121513  ORDER 02  ORDER AUTHORIZING TARIFF FILING |

## **BACKGROUND**

1. On September 14, 2012, Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. dba Mason County Garbage (Mason or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 13 designated as 42nd Revised Page No. 1, 11th Revised Page No. 21, and 7th Revised Page No. 21A. The stated effective date is November 1, 2012. The Company serves approximately 112,000 customers in Mason County (County).
2. On October 25, 2012, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the proposed revenue share plan and recycling commodity credit were fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission allowed a temporary recycling commodity credit to go into effect on November 1, 2012, on a temporary basis subject to refund. Order 01 also prohibited Mason from changing or altering the tariffs filed in this Docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
3. On December 13, 2012, Mason requested the Commission authorize it to file revised tariff pages for the purpose of filing a general rate increase in Docket TG-121791.

1. Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff revisions and recommends the Commission authorize the company to file tariff revisions in Docket TG-121791 as requested by the Company.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. (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*.*

1. (2) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 27, 2012.
2. (3) Mason is engaged in the business of providing solid waste services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

1. (4) Order 01 issued in this Docket ordered Mason to not change or alter the tariffs filed in this Docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
2. (5) On December 13, 2012, Mason requested that the Commission authorize it to file revised tariff pages in a new Docket, TG-121791.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

1. (1) Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. dba Mason County Garbage is authorized to file tariff revisions in a new Docket, TG-121791.

1. (2) Mason County Garbage Co., Inc., dba Mason County Garbage, must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this Docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
2. (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Mason County Garbage Co., Inc., dba Mason County Garbage, 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 Olympia, Washington, and effective December 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary