

David Danner, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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October 16, 2009

Dear Secretary Danner,

In accordance with WAC 480-07-520, we are submitting this transmittal letter and a request for a general rate increase for Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc., permit G-166. Enclosed please find revised tariff pages and the required work papers. This is an adjustment to Solid Waste Tariff Number 4, with an Effective Date of December 1, 2009.

We are requesting a general rate increase for the first time in a number of years. Over these years, wages, benefits, equipment maintenance and operating costs have increased substantially and can no longer be offset by an expanding customer base. The requested increase affects residential and commercial garbage rates and residential recycling rates. We have also adjusted the annual recycling tracker for the next 12 months as detailed in WAC 480-70-351, changing the \$.57 credit to a \$.54 debit. If approved by the Commission as filed, residential garbage and recycling rates will increase by \$94,000 (18.99%) and commercial rates will increase by \$58,300 (13.08%). These requested rates would result in revenues that are approximately 14.94% higher, based on current total revenue.

Customer notices will be mailed prior to October 30 in order to provide at least thirty-days notice as required by WAC 480-70-271. Per the regulation, copies of the customer notice will also be mailed to the members of the Whatcom County Council and the public affairs office of the Commission.

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Sincerely,

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