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Pierce County Refuse
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January 13, 2011

Mr. David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Attn: Records Section
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW
Olympia WA 98504-7250

Attn: Dave Gomez

RE: Tariff Submittal, Tariff Number 9, Certificate Number G-98, Pierce County Refuse.

Dear Mr. Danner:

Our company has been notified that the tipping fee in Pierce County will increase from \$112.94 to \$123.29 per ton, a 9.164% increase, effective March 1, 2011. We project this will increase revenue and expense for residential service by \$421,800; for commercial service by \$280,900; and drop box service by \$202,600 for a 12-month period. The last general rate increase approved by the Commission was effective April 11, 2008.

In addition, as demonstrated by the supporting documentation with this filing, the commodity price adjustment for residential customers has changed from \$.22 debit to \$1.22 credit an increase of 654.55% per customer per month. Also included is the 30% retention justification expenditure recap for the twelve month period ending November 30, 2010 as well as an updated recycling plan for service within Pierce County which proposes a revenue share of 50% as authorized by SSHB 2539 in 2010.

Attached as well are the proposed revised tariff pages and supporting documentation containing the revised rates. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective March 1, 2011. Pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2)(a)(iii) and (vi), affected customers will receive notification of the change on the first billing reflecting the revision to rates.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 832-8749, (253) 377-4208 cell, or via email at irmgardw@wcnx.org.

Sincerely,

Irmgard R. Wilcox
Controller

Enc. Letter on Disposal Fee Increases
Supporting Documents/Tariff Pages

