

David Danner, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
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November 15, 2011

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 January 1 2012.

We are requesting a general rate increase to offset increases in disposal fees, fuel, wages, benefits, and taxes, which have increased substantially since our last filing. The requested increase affects residential and commercial garbage rates and residential recycling rates. If approved by the Commission as filed, residential garbage and recycling rates will increase by \$64,033 (10.76%) and commercial rates will increase by \$43,333 (7.76%). These requested rates would result in revenues that are approximately 9.3% higher, based on current total regulated revenue.

Customer notices will be mailed prior to November 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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General Manager

CC: Whatcom County Council

