

**American Disposal Co., Inc.**  
**PO Box 399**  
**Puyallup, WA 98371**

January 13, 2017

Mr. Steven V. King  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Attn: Records Section  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Tariff Submittal, Tariff Number 27, American Disposal Co., Inc. G-87.

Dear Mr. King:

We are excited to announce that we are automating our residential, multi-family can and commercial can routes. Beginning March 1, 2017 we will begin to replace manually serviced carts with automated carts. This is necessary to alleviate employee injuries and offer a better service package to our customers.

With this filing, we respectfully request the Commission approve the attached rate request to recover the capital investment, and other costs required for this new program. Also included is an employee wage increase to minimize employee turnover and better align our pay with industry wage standards.

The increase is proposed as follows: Residential can service \$560,000, 13.46%; multi-family can service \$7,500; 15.42%; commercial can service \$2,600, 10.92%. There are approximately 33,000 residential; 1,500 multi-family and 100 commercial customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by the Commission became effective June 1, 2016. As agreed upon with Staff we used the Pro forma approved in under docket TG-160232, and included adjustments directly related to the automation.

Attached are the proposed tariff pages containing the increased rates, as well as supporting documentation for those changes. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they are intended to become effective on March 1, 2017.

Included in this filing is our non-regulated operation, as our regulated and non-regulated operations now share one facility. To protect certain non-regulated proprietary information we are filing a portion of this filing as confidential, and are filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-160.

A rate increase notification letter will be mailed to all customers affected by these proposed changes no later than January 31, 2017. A notice letter will also be delivered on or before January 31, 2017 to the office of the Pierce County Council Chair.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 695-4923 or via email at [heatherg@wcnx.org](mailto:heatherg@wcnx.org).

Sincerely,

Heather Garland  
Pricing Manager