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Subject: Waste Management of Spokane, Valley Garbage Service Co., divisions of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237); Tariff # 18

Enclosed are revised pages 2 and 22 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect a continuation of the temporary surcharges on our residential recycling service rates due to increased processing costs that were previously approved.

Due to the continuing impacts of China's "National Sword" policy, of which the company has no control and with no understanding as how significant these costs will increase and their duration; we believe that the continuation of the 90-day temporary surcharge on our recycling rates is an appropriate mechanism for managing our increased processing costs. Accordingly, we are requesting that the monthly surcharge be increased from \$0.56/mo. to \$0.68/mo. per customer. We are requesting that the fourth proposed surcharge become effective on February 1, 2019.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting workpapers and an LSN form requesting that the new surcharge become effective prior to the 45-day notice requirement to the commission. Please note that our filing includes certain documents that contain valuable commercial information and is therefore being submitted in accordance with the procedures established in WAC 480-07-160. It is presented in two separate submittals to the web portal, both of which clearly identify electronic versions of confidential and redacted documents. One includes electronic versions of work papers containing confidential materials (in PDF and excel), with the first page of the file, and each page that contains confidential information marked appropriately. The second, separate web portal filing contains all nonconfidential materials in PDF, consisting of the transmittal letter, the revised tariff, and redacted work papers.

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