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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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Subject: Waste Management–South Sound and Waste Management - Seattle, divisions of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237);
Tariff # 24

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 6, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 35-38 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is threefold. First, residential, and commercial rates are being adjusted due to the increase in the King County disposal fees. Second, the King County Board of Health is increasing their Local Hazardous Waste Fees. Third, the revisions also reflect the change in the commodity charges to credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services.

The King County Council approved the increase in disposal fees from \$140.82 to \$154.02 per ton as reflected in Title 10 of the King County Solid Waste Code. The increased rates, if approved by the Commission, would approximately increase Company revenue by \$375,000, and residential and commercial garbage rates by approximately 3.7%. In addition, the King County Board of Health increased the Local Hazardous Waste Fees 5.4%. The effective date for both proposed tariff revisions is January 1, 2022.

As mentioned above, the tariff revisions also reflect the change in the commodity charge to a commodity credit for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. The change in the commodity charge to a credit is jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages, and materials composition since the last commodity adjustment on January 1, 2021. These tariff revisions reflect a change of the current commodity charge from \$0.27 to a credit of \$2.15 per month for residential customers in King County. Multi-family commodity charges are changing proportionately to the changes to residential customers. Also, in accordance with Staff recommendations and Order 01 in TG-201013, we are removing internal labor costs from the RSA budget and adding those expenses to our recycling collection rate. We are requesting that the proposed effective date of these tariff revisions be January 1, 2022.

As a reminder of context, this filing is being submitted at the end of the two-year Revenue Sharing Plans with King County for 2020 - 2021. It is the second annual adjustment to commodity charges/credits that has been made during the two-year plan period, and as required by WAC 480-70-351 reflects the changes to the commodity charges/credits due to actual prices and quantities over the past 12 months. In addition, and in accordance with RCW 81.77.185 and the approved Plan, the Company has reflected in this filing the incentives earned and the amounts over or under spent on program activities over the past two years.

Furthermore, in accordance with RCW 81.77.185, the recycling commodity credit is also being adjusted to accommodate the new Revenue Sharing Plan with King County for 2022 - 2023, under which the Company is authorized to retain up to 50.0% of recycling commodity revenues to be spent on program activities. The 2022 - 2023 Revenue Sharing Plan with King County that has been certified by County officials, are included with this filing with budgets for anticipated revenues and expenditures and narrative explanations of how the recycling revenue retained will be used to increase recycling. The County will be separately filing their Plan certification, as well as an analysis of the Company's performance supporting the incentives earned under the 2020-2021 Plan.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers and other filing documents. Customers will be notified of the change in their collection rates due to the various changes referred to above on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (206) 954-3831.

Very truly yours,

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