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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC)
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: *Douglas County's Comprehensive Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Update, Preliminary Draft December 2023.*

Dear Executive Director and Secretary Jeff Killip,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Douglas County's Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on February 9, 2024. Today, I am providing you with their Plan and requesting UTC review of the Plan. You may access the Plan via this online [Douglas County Preliminary Documents folder in Box](#).

Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [70A.205.065](#), Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any Preliminary Draft Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under chapter [81.77](#) RCW and advise the submitting entity and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. The contact information for Yakima and for Ecology are below:

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I look forward to receiving your input. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure via [BOX link](#)

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