

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-080868
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 03
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
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RABANCO LTD, D/B/A EASTSIDE)	ORDER DISMISSING
DISPOSAL AND ALLIED WASTE)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
SERVICES OF BELLEVUE, G-12)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 16, 2008, Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue (Rabanco or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 11. The stated effective date was July 1, 2008.

- 2 On June 26, 2008, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

- 3 In this filing, Rabanco proposes to increase rates for the collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste. Rabanco’s proposed rates were designed to increase revenues by \$672,000 (7.3 percent) annually. Commission Staff’s review revealed that the proposed rates were excessive. Staff and Rabanco negotiated revised rates that would increase annual revenues by approximately \$312,000 (3.4 percent). On August 22, 2008, the Company filed revised rates on substitute tariff pages to reflect the lower revenue requirement.

- 4 Seventeen customers commented on the original filing. Staff summarized those comments and responded to them in its August 28, 2008, memorandum.

- 5 At the open meeting on August 28, 2008, the Commission allowed the revised rates to become effective September 1, 2008, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and

continued the suspension of this filing to allow customers the opportunity to comment on the Staff recommended revised rates.

- 6 Commission Staff sent all customers who previously commented on the Company's filing a letter advising them of the Staff's recommended revised rates. No customers have commented on the revised rates and rate design.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.*
- 8 (2) Rabanco is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 25, 2008.
- 10 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Rabanco has demonstrated that it requires additional revenues and has filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels.
- 11 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Rabanco filed in Docket TG-080868 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-080868, dated June 26, 2008, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff No. 11 to become effective on October 1, 2008, on a permanent basis.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-080868, entered on June 26, 2008, is dismissed.
- 13 (2) The proposed revised tariff pages Rabanco Ltd, d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Allied Waste Services of Bellevue filed in this docket on August 22, 2008, shall become effective on October 1, 2008, on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 25, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner