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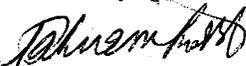
Dear members of the WA Utilities and Transportation Commission:

I am writing to express concern about one of the proposed increases in the rate that Waste Connections plans to charge customers effective Nov. 1. While I fully understand the need to increase rates to cover escalating costs, I do not understand why Waste Connections is proposing to increase the 2 32-Gallon Can Weekly rate by \$4.00 (a 26% increase), while the other two rates for 1 can weekly and 1 can bi-weekly are only going up by \$.95 (an 8.5% increase) and \$.45 (a 5.7% increase) respectively. I am not sure what the "escalating costs" are, but I assume they include the cost of labor, and the labor involved in emptying one versus two cans hardly explains the drastic difference in the proposed increases.

Therefore, while I am supportive in general of the rate increases, I would like to see the rate increase for the 2-can per week pick-up to be commensurate with the rate increases for the others. For example, an 8.5% increase in the 2-can weekly pick-up rate would result in a more reasonable proposed rate of \$16.72 per month.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my comment.

Cordially,



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