

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-080298
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER DISMISSING
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
ISLAND DISPOSAL, INC.,)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 15, 2008, Island Disposal, Inc., (Island or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff 8. The stated effective date is April 1, 2008.
- 2 The proposed rates would have increased revenue by approximately \$828,000 (18.8 percent). Staff’s review of Island’s filing revealed the proposed rates were excessive. On March 18, 2008, the Company filed revised rates at the Staff recommended level. The revised rates generate approximately \$181,000 (4.12 percent).
- 3 On March 27, 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. The Commission allowed the revised rates to go into effect April 1, 2008, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 4 On March 27, 2008, the Consumer Affairs section sent every customer who had commented on Island’s filing a letter advising each respondent of Staff’s recommended revised rates. Two customers responded to Staff’s letter. One customer believes the revised rates are appropriate and will not impose an undue burden on the ratepayers. The second customer objected that the rate spread is not great enough between services, resulting in low-income customers paying a disproportionate amount compared to two or more can customers. Commission Staff responded that it recommends rates using a cost of service methodology that shows the cost of two can service is not twice that of one can service.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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.*
- 6 (2) Island is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2008.
- 8 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Island has demonstrated that it requires additional revenues and has filed revised rates at the Staff recommended level.
- 9 (5) After reviewing the tariff Island filed in Docket TG-080298 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-080298, dated March 27, 2008, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff 8 to become effective on May 16, 2008.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-080298, entered on March 27, 2008, is dismissed.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions Island Disposal, Inc., filed in this docket on March 18, 2008, shall become effective on May 16, 2008.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 15, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner