

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TG-151183
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RABANCO LTD, G-12)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
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Seeking Exemption from the)	ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL
Provisions of WAC 480-70-520(4))	EXEMPTION FROM RULE
Relating to Certain Supporting)	
Documents and Computations)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On June 5, 2015, Rabanco LTD (Rabanco or Company) dba SeaTac Disposal filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a general rate increase for solid waste collection services in King County with a proposed effective date of August 1, 2015.

2 On June 5, 2015, Rabanco also filed a Petition requesting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520(4) to limit the work paper filing requirements to SeaTac Disposal, the business unit providing services under the tariff that Rabanco proposes to amend, to the following work papers cited in WAC 480-70-520:

- (4)(a) Detailed pro forma income statement
- (4)(f) Detailed price-out information
- (4)(h) Detailed depreciation schedule
- (4)(i) Computed average investment

3 Rabanco also requests an exemption from WAC 480-70-520(4)(d), which requires a detailed separation of all revenue and expenses between regulated and nonregulated operations, with the exception of the following work papers, which have been filed:

- (1) A detailed separation of all revenue and expenses between SeaTac Disposal, the business unit that provides services under the tariff that Rabanco is seeking to amend and other business units within Rabanco with which SeaTac Disposal has intra-company transactions or

arrangements that, but for the fact that the business units are not separate corporations, would be affiliated interest transactions.

- (2) A detailed separation of all revenues and expenses for each of the other Rabanco business units performing collection operations, with expenses allocated proportionately on the basis of regulated and unregulated revenues, and
- (3) A combined statement of detailed revenues and expenses for all of Rabanco's unregulated, non-collection operations added together.

4 Finally, Rabanco requests a partial exemption from WAC 480-70-520(4)(e), which requires a detailed list of all nonregulated operations, including the rates charged for the services rendered and copies of all contracts on request. Rabanco seeks to limit required information included in the filing to unregulated city contracts and businesses, and any transactions between the SeaTac Disposal-based business operations and other Rabanco business entities.

5 Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's Petition because the data for which the exemption in paragraph two is sought is not relevant to the tariff filing, and granting the exemption is not inconsistent with the underlying purposes of the general rate filing rule in WAC 480-70-520(4), which is to provide the Commission with information to determine whether a proposed rate increase is fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Rabanco's request is consistent with previous filings in which the Commission has found the requested exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6 (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.

7 (2) Rabanco is engaged in the business of providing solid waste services within the state of Washington, and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 8 (3) On June 5, 2015, Rabanco LTD dba SeaTac Disposal filed with the Commission a general rate increase for solid waste collection service in King County.
- 9 (4) Rabanco is subject to WAC 480-07-520(4), which requires the Company to file work papers that contain detailed financial data for the Company, its affiliated interests, and its business units. The plain language of the rule requires these work papers to address Rabanco's finances as a whole, not a limited subset of one or more business units.
- 10 (5) Rabanco LTD dba SeaTac Disposal is a business unit of Rabanco LTD.
- 11 (6) In support of its proposed revisions, Rabanco filed work papers containing financial information only for its SeaTac Disposal business unit, but not for the entirety of Rabanco's operations.
- 12 (7) Under WAC 480-70-051, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-70, if consistent with the public interest and the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 13 (8) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on June 25, 2015.
- 14 (9) After review of the petition filed in Docket TG-140594 by Rabanco on June 5, 2015, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes, and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 15 (1) As of the effective date of this Order, Rabanco LTD is granted an exemption from WAC 480-70-520(4) as set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above.

- 16 (2) The exemption granted to Rabanco LTD in this Order applies only to the general rate proceeding in Docket TG-151183.
- 17 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Rabanco LTD to effect the terms of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 25, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary