

Agenda Date: June 29, 2023
Item Number: B1

Docket: TG- 230368
Company Name: Stanley’s Sanitary Service LLC

Staff: Jaclynn Simmons, Regulatory Analyst
John Cupp, Consumer Protection Staff

Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Stanley’s Sanitary Service LLC, on May 15, 2023, in Docket TG-230368 as revised on June 9, 2023, to become effective July 1, 2023, by operation of law.

Background

On May 15, 2023, Stanley’s Sanitary Service LLC (Stanley’s or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$99,483 (15.72 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves approximately 984 residential and 98 commercial garbage customers in Wahkiakum County. The Company’s last general rate case became effective on August 2, 2020.

The main driver of the filing is increasing costs to expenses through higher payroll, fuel costs, and new assets obtained since the last rate case. Commission staff (Staff) adjusted the Company’s fuel, bringing it to the most current 12 months of fuel costs per WAC 480-70-346. Staff verified new assets on invoices and made minor adjustments to individual accounts to remove unallowable expenses such as food and sponsorship. Staff also amortized over three years non-reoccurring expense for travel to purchase new assets, CDL training for an employee and prepping for the general rate case.

Staff and the Company agreed to lower the revised revenue requirement of \$91,822 or 14.61 percent. The Company submitted revised pages on June 9, 2023, reflecting changes to the rate design. Staff found the revenue requirement and rates agreed on are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Rate Comparison

Service	Current	Co. Proposed	Staff Revised	Percent Difference
32 gal 1x wk.	\$27.38	\$31.68	\$31.35	14.49%
96 gal 1x a wk.	\$39.36	\$45.55	\$45.07	14.50%
1.5 yd 1x wk.	\$38.08	\$44.07	\$43.06	13.07%
30 yd	\$230.65	\$266.91	\$264.11	14.50%

Customer Comments

On May 26, the company notified its customers by mail of the proposed rate increase. Staff received no comments.

Conclusion

Staff completed their review of the Company's documentation. Staff review shows that the tariff pages filed are reasonable and needed as part of the Company's operations.

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