December 17, 2015

Steven King
Executive Director & Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Fiorito Enterprises, Inc. & Rabanco Companies. / Kent-Meridian Disposal / Republic Services Tariff Revision

Dear Mr. King,

Enclosed please find proposed tariff No. 27 Fiorito Enterprises, Inc. & Rabanco Companies, Certificate G-60 (DBA Kent-Meridian Disposal), the purpose of which is a general rate increase request specific to recycling services. On June 2, 2014 the City of Seattle passed ordinance 124490 to establish a new city-wide minimum wage. The ordinance calls for a \$13.00/hr minimum wage for 2016. Recycling tons for SeaTac customers are delivered to Rabanco Recyling Company, an affiliated entity located in Seattle, for processing.

This facility subcontracts for the manual sorting of recycle materials with a 3rd party vendor that is subject to the ordinance noted above. The increased labor cost directly impacts the cost to process materials at the facility. Kent-Meridian is requesting an increase in its rates in order to recover the associated costs specific to the tons collected in SeaTac's regulated territory.

Due to the particular nature of the request and limited factors impacting costs, the company is seeking exemption from the workpaper requirements detailed in WAC 480-07-520 as outlined in the included petition.

We are requesting that this change become effective February 1st, 2016.

Sincerely,

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