Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. Pierce County Refuse 4111 192nd St E Tacoma, WA 98446

January 5, 2016

Mr. Steven V. King Executive Director and Secretary Attn: Records Section Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pierce County Refuse ('PCR"), G-98, "Disposal Fee-Only" Filing.

Dear Mr. King:

Our company has been notified that the tipping fee in Pierce County will increase from \$144.97 to \$145.84 per ton, a .6% increase, effective March 1, 2016. We project this will increase revenues for residential service by \$34,700 (.34%); for commercial services by \$23,700 (.39%); and drop box service by \$16,500 (.60%); for a 12-month period. There are approximately 47,550 residential; 3,500 commercial and 210 drop box customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by the Commission was effective November 1, 2011.

As instructed by the UTC staff during the audit of TG-132227, TG-132228, and TG-132091 the audited calculations have been updated with the increase in tipping fees, no changes to tonnage or customer count have been made.

Attached are revised tariff pages for tariff number 9 as well as supporting documentation to justify this increase. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective March 1, 2016. We are now requesting, pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2)(a)(iii), that customers receive notification of the change on the initial billing following action by the Commission on these rates.

We also request that the Commission, on its own Motion under WAC 480-07-370 (b), allow this disposal fee filing as an exception to the general rate case workpaper rule at WAC 480-07-520.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 832-8749, or via e-mail at <u>irmgardw@wcnx.org</u>, or Heather Garland at (360) 695-4923, <u>heatherg@wcnx.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Irmgard R. Wilcox Senior Pricing Manager