

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

January 10, 2017

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 \$145.84 to \$153.48 per ton, a 5.24% increase, effective March 1, 2017. We project this will increase revenues for residential service by \$304,800 (2.55%); for commercial services by \$210,130 (2.96%); and drop box service by \$144,800 (5.24%); for a 12-month period. There are approximately 49,700 residential; 3,500 commercial and 557 drop box customers affected by this change.

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

For solid waste collection services pertinent to customers residing on Joint Base Lewis-McChord ("JBLM" including Equity Quality Residential, "EQR"), the disposal fee will increase from \$102.13 to \$104.59 per ton, a 2.41% increase, as county administrative and other fees are not included for service on JBLM which is outside the Pierce County Solid Waste System. We project this will increase revenues by \$12,160 (.93%) for a 12-month period. There are approximately 4,200 residential customers affected by this change.

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, 2017. 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) 695-4923, or via e-mail at heatherg@wcnx.org.

Sincerely,

Heather Garland
Pricing Manager