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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) }
Complainant,) DOCKET NO. TG-900657
vs.))
SNO-KING GARBAGE CO., INC., G-126,) FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER) ALLOWING TEMPORARY RATE) INCREASES SUBJECT TO) REFUND
Respondent.)
	, <u>,</u>)

The tariff revisions filed by Sno-King Garbage Co., Inc., G-126 were suspended by order of the Commission, on July 30, 1990. Garbage rates as filed by the carrier and recycling rates as revised by Commission staff will be allowed to go into effect as interim rate increases effective August 1, 1990.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On June 29, 1990, the carrier filed revisions to its tariff to effect a general rate increase, and to initiate a recycling program. This tariff filing was suspended by order of the Commission.
- 2. Without interim rate relief in effective during the suspension, the carrier would be operating in a loss position. This would impair the carrier's ability to meet his responsibilities as a common carrier.
- 3. Increases in operating expenses not under the control of the carrier has created a situation without interim rate relief the carrier could suffer hardship.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Existing rates named in the carriers current tariff are insufficient to yield a reasonable return. The interim rates authorized herein will result in a reasonable operating ratio to the carrier until such time as new permanent rate levels may be authorized following receipt and analysis of all evidence in this proceeding.

2. Rate revisions made in accordance with this order shall be on an interim basis, pending issuance of further orders of the Commission, which may include provision for refund.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That

- 1. The carrier is authorized to implement and collect, on an interim basis, the rates proposed by Commission staff, these rates to become effective August 1, 1990. The interim rates will remain in effect until further order of the Commission.
- 2. In the event that the permanent rates determined by the Commission as fair, just and reasonable are less than the interim rates granted, the carrier may be directed to refund any overcollection. The carrier shall keep accurate and sufficient records to allow such refunds, if refunds are ordered by the Commission.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 30th day of July, 1990.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman

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A. D. PARDINI, Commissioner