RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Dear Customer: April 29, 2010

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. has filed a request for a rate revision with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC seven years ago in February 2003. Since that time, the Company has experienced significant increased operating costs in labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective June 1, 2010. The rate per month will increase as follows:

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|  |  |  | Proposed  |  |  |
|  | Current Rate |  | Increase |  | Proposed Rate |
| Residential: | Per Month |  | Per Month |  | Per Month |
| 64 gal cart recycling | 3.46 |  | 5.54 |  | 9.00 |
| 96 gal cart yard waste | 4.86 |  | 4.42 |  | 9.28 |

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the company’s request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on May 27th 2010. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the Commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also comment by using the “Public Comment” feature at the commission’s Web site at utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

Management

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.