[Service Date May 21, 2013]

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-130501
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	(consolidated)
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER 02
MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY,)	
INC., G-9,)	
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Respondent.)	
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET TG-130502
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	(consolidated)
)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
)	ORDER; ORDER OF
v.)	CONSOLIDATION
)	
)	NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE
AMERICAN DISPOSAL COMPANY,)	(Set for July 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.)
INC., G-87,)	
)	NOTICE OF HEARING
)	(Set for August 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.)
Respondent.)	
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1 NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS. On April 8, 2013, Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. (Murrey's), and its sister company, American Disposal Company, Inc. (together with Murrey's, Respondents), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to their tariffs. The revisions increase both companies' rates to recover higher costs for labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts, and equipment. In total, the tariff revisions would generate approximately \$2,287,000 (an 8.2 percent increase). DOCKETS TG-130501 and TG-130502 (consolidated) ORDER 02

- CONFERENCE. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on May 20, 2013, before Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander.
- 3 APPEARANCES. David W. Wiley, Williams, Kastner & Gibbs PLLC, Seattle, Washington, represents Respondents. Steven W. Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff or Staff).¹ Contact information provided for the parties' representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.
- 4 **CONSOLIDATION.** The two dockets appear to be legally or factually related. The parties voiced no objection to consolidation. This order consolidates the dockets for hearing and order, subject to the Commission's authority to sever the dockets and to enter individual orders as appropriate.
- 5 **DISCOVERY.** Discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules, WAC 480-07-400 425. The Commission urges the parties to work cooperatively together to avoid having to bring discovery matters forward for formal resolution.
- 6 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The parties agreed during the conference on a procedural schedule which Staff presented for consideration. The Commission adopts this procedural schedule, which is attached to this Order as Appendix B.
- 7 NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE. The Commission gives notice that it will conduct a status conference in this proceeding on Friday, July 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. Parties who find it more convenient to attend telephonically may participate via the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846.

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission's regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners' policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. *See* RCW 34.05.455.

- NOTICE OF HEARING. The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing on
 Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 108, Richard Hemstad
 Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.
- 9 DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS. Parties must file an original plus seven (7) copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines in WAC 480-07-395 and WAC 480-07-460. The Commission prefers that materials be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.
- All filings must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Director and Secretary,
 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S.
 Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250. Both the post office
 box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.
- An electronic copy of all filings must be provided through the Commission's Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail delivery to <<u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>>. Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette or CD including the filed document(s). Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Parties must follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files.
- 12 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS. The parties have requested authority to submit documents electronically in this proceeding on the filing deadline by 5:00 p.m., instead of 3:00 p.m. The Commission grants this unopposed request for a waiver of WAC 480-07-145(6)(a)(i). Parties must file an original, plus seven (7) paper copies, of the documents with the Commission by 12:00 noon on the first business day following the filing deadline established in the procedural schedule. WAC 480-07-145(6). Parties may submit documents electronically through the Commission's Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/efiling) or by e-mail to records@utc.wa.gov. Finally, to perfect filing, parties must simultaneously provide e-

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mail courtesy copies of filings to the presiding administrative law judge (<u>mfriedla@utc.wa.gov</u>) as well as to the parties to the proceeding.

- 13 ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1355.
- 14 NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 21, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER Administrative Law Judge

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APPENDIX B

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE DOCKETS TG-130501 and TG-130502

EVENT	DATE
Respondents' prefiled testimony and exhibits	June 21, 2013
Staff's responsive testimony and exhibits	June 28, 2013
Status Conference	July 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.
Evidentiary Hearing	August 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.