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From: Curt Piesch



RE: Waste Connections, Inc. Rate Increase:

I am opposed to the proposed garbage rate increase by Waste Connections, Inc. This is a \$4⁰⁰/month increase to me or 26% increase from \$15⁴¹/month (plus taxes) to 19⁴¹/month (plus taxes). This is a very steep increase!

A few years ago, I used to haul my own trash to Columbia Resource Co (CRC). They to proposed & receive a rate increase which included a \$10⁰⁰ min. They stated by allowing this increase would lower local garbage rates. This did not happen. Waste Connections is the only company in the Battle Ground area - no competition. Additionally, I must supply my own trash cans. If the proposed rate increase would include the new-style supplied cans & automated loading sys. on the newer garbage trucks, I would consider the increase valid.

Sincerely,
Curt Piesch