

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS

DATE PREPARED: August 7, 2014 WITNESS: Melissa Cheesman
DOCKET: TG-140560 RESPONDER: Melissa Cheesman
REQUESTER: Waste Control, Inc. TELEPHONE: (360) 664-1251

REQUEST NO. 18: Please cite any and all docket numbers of solid waste general rate cases since 2000 where the Staff has recommended and the Commission has approved imposition of investigation costs upon a solid waste collection company. Isn't it true that the Staff is not aware of any solid waste general rate case (as opposed to an enforcement action) where the Commission has authorized the imposition of investigation fees on a solid waste collection company whose general rate case was finalized in the last 20 years?

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STAFF RESPONSE: Objection. Unduly burdensome to request Staff review fourteen years of solid waste general rate filings. The Company has ample opportunity to review public documents, conduct its analysis, and present its positions.

Without waiving objection, Staff is unaware from memory of an instance in which Staff recommended and the Commission approved imposition of investigation costs upon a regulated solid waste company.

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Waste Control, Inc.
Land Rent Calculation
Date staff revised its position

Our calculation

Explanation of methodology:		
Equity percentage	asset specific	
Return on equity percentage		15%
Debt percentage	asset specific	
Cost of debt	Debt specific	
Depreciation allowed	yes	
Operating costs allowed	yes	
Assessed values used for return	no	
Combined capital structure used	no	
Property		
1150 3rd Ave (Main office)		\$24,298
950 3rd Avenue (Covered Parking)		18,937
1150 3rd Ave (Emp parking, wash bay)		2,688
River Road (Cart & container storage)		30,160
Woodland storage		9,519
Truck Shop		10,039
Stanley Plaza Painting facility		13,902
Allocated costs HB		6,714
Allocated costs HB II		5,578
Truck Shop depreciation		10,887
HB Depreciation		25,812
HB II Depreciation		5,769
Total Annual Rent Expense		164,302
per Operations - Total test year rents		138,000
add back newly rented items		
Adjusted rent as allowed in prior case		
Excess (Disallowed) Rent		\$26,302