

October 25, 2019

Mr. Mark Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: Docket TG-131255

Mr. Johnson,

I am Ed Rubatino, owner of Rubatino Refuse Removal in Snohomish County, a private family business. We have served our communities for over 100 years. I am currently a board member and a former president of the Washington Refuse & Recycling Association (WRRRA). My solid waste collection company has been regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) since 1961. We have operated under the current ratemaking system since 1988.

I support the BRG & WRRRA Comments in the current rulemaking. I support the models proposed by BRG as alternatives to the Staff Proposal. I also believe that the WUTC should recognize federal income taxes as a cost of doing business, and rates should reflect that regulated companies pay federal income taxes at rates prescribed by the federal income tax code.

Thank you for your consideration.

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