October 25, 2018

Dear Commercial Customer

You are likely aware of recent changes by Whatcom County regarding how residential garbage collection will be billed for solid waste and recycling services beginning in January 2019. This does not and will not affect the manner in which commercial customers will be billed.

The result of these changes has caused us to review our rates and services which include commercial collection services. We have not had an increase in our rates for any services since the inception of our initial tariff which was filed in 2008.

The company proposes the following rates to be effective January 1, 2019:

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| SERVICE | EXISTING RATE | PROPOSED RATE |
| 1½ Yard Container Monthly Rent | $8.00 | $8.65 |
| 1 ½ Yard Container First Pick Up | $34.45 | $41.50 |
| 1 ½ Yard Container Each Additional Pick Up | $39.70 | $41.50 |
| 32 Gallon Commercial Can Per Pick Up | $6.31 | $6.65 |

Other rates not listed on this table are proposed to increase as well, from a range of 4 to 21 percent. Residential customers have been issued a separate notice containing the proposed residential rates. These rates will be billed monthly.

If you have questions about the proposed rates and how this may affect you, please call Cando Recycling and Disposal at (360) 945-2636

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 November 30, 2018. 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](http://www.utc.wa.gov) or by using the contact information below.

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