

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-121791
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER 02
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	ORDER DISMISSING
MASON COUNTY GARBAGE	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
COMPANY, INC. (G-88),	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
	)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING
Respondent.	)	REVISED TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On November 13, 2012, Mason County Garbage Company, Inc. (G-88) (Mason or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff No. 13. Mason proposes a general rate increase for residential, commercial, and drop box garbage, and residential recycling service due to increases in disposal fees, employee wages and benefits, fuel, parts and equipment. The Company’s proposed increases would generate approximately \$387,000 (13 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company’s last general rate increase became effective February 1, 2011.
- 2     On December 27, 2012, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 3     Staff has completed its review of the Company’s supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff’s review found that the Company’s proposed rates would result in excess revenue. Staff and the Company agreed to a revised revenue requirement of \$139,000 (3.2 percent) additional annual revenue. On March 19, 2012 and March 22, 2013, Mason filed revised tariff pages with the revised rates at Staff’s recommended levels.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 4     (1)    The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates,

rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.

- 5 (2) Mason is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to  
Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on  
March 28, 2013.
- 7 (4) The revised tariff revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because the  
Company has demonstrated the revised revenue requirement is reasonable and the  
revised tariff revisions generate the revised revenue requirement.
- 8 (5) After reviewing the revised tariff revisions Mason filed in Docket TG-121791 and  
giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public  
interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in  
Docket TG-121791, dated December 27, 2012, and allow the revised tariff  
revisions to Tariff No.13, filed on March 22, 2013, to become effective on  
April 1, 2013.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 9 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-121791,  
entered on December 27, 2012, is dismissed.
- 10 (2) The revised tariff revisions Mason County Garbage Company, Inc. (G-88), filed  
in this docket on November 13, 2012, as revised on March 22, 2013, shall become  
effective on April 1, 2013.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 28, 2013.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner