

July 10, 2008

Ms. Shirley Kook
Lewis County Public Works
P.O. Box 180
Centralia, WA 98531

RE: Lewis County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan – Docket TG-080925

Dear Ms. Kook:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) staff has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Lewis County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan).

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan shows no financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Lewis County. The Cost Assessment shows no tip fee increase between 2008 through 2013. The current disposal rate is \$82 per ton.

Please see the attached commission staff comments for consideration. We hope that you find our review and suggestions helpful. Please direct questions or comments about the commission's Plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or by email at pingram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment

cc: Mike Drumright, Department of Ecology, Regional Planner
Laurie Davies, Solid Waste, and Financial Assistance Program Manager

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Commission staff comments for consideration:

On page 4-3, the Plan states: “The recyclables that will be accepted in the new curbside program are:.....” Is the list of materials the “designation” of recyclable materials for Lewis County?

RCW 70.95.090(7)(c) requires:

(c) Recycling strategies, including a description of markets for recyclables, a review of waste generation trends, a description of waste composition, a discussion and description of existing programs and any additional programs needed to assist public and private sector recycling, and an implementation schedule for the **designation of specific materials to be collected for recycling**, and for the provision of recycling collection services;

On page 7-3, Section 7.1.1.8 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, staff recommends deleting first sentence starting with “WUTC.” The focus of the commission’s regulatory authority only applies to the solid waste industry for the purpose of the Plan.