

May 18, 2009

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject: Waste Management – Northwest, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237);
Tariff # 17

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the change in the commodity credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. These tariff revisions reflect an decrease of the current commodity credit from \$2.82 to \$0.66 per month for residential customers and an decrease from \$0.68 per yard to \$0.32 per yard for multi-family customers.

These changes are principally due to the overall decrease in commodity values since our last commodity credit adjustment on July 1, 2008. These changes also reflect the rate impact of the implementation of RCW 81.77.185 which allows the Company to retain up to 30% of the revenue the Company receives from the sale of commodities it collects from its customers provided that it (1) submits a plan to the commission that (2) is certified by the appropriate local government authority as being consistent with the local government solid waste plan and that (3) demonstrates how the company will use the revenues to increase recycling. This plan is currently being discussed with the County and will be submitted to the WUTC for its review prior to July 1, 2009. The proposed effective date of these tariff revisions is July 1, 2009.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers. Customers will be notified of the change in their commodity credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission. In addition, the county has been notified of these proposed tariff changes.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (425) 814-7840.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Weinstein

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