

May 12, 2011

Kevin Kiernan
King County Solid Waste Division Director
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RE: King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-110630

Dear Mr. Kiernan:

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

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan shows financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in King County. The Plan calls for tip fee increases from \$95 per ton in 2011 to \$123 per ton in 2016. Rates for residential customers will increase between \$1.21 per month and \$1.70 per month, and rates for commercial customers will increase between \$6.06 per yard and \$8.49 per yard.

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

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