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Mr. Mark Cox, Solid Waste Specialist Grays Harbor County Department of Public Works 100 West Broadway, Suite. 31 Montesano, WA 98563

## **RE:** Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-120407

Dear Mr. Cox:

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

The Plan proposes to increase tip fees every year, from \$87.50 per ton in 2012 to \$91.50 per ton in 2017. Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan has determined that there would be a financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Grays Harbor County as shown in the following table.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Projected Disposal Fees							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$87.50	\$88.30	\$89.00	\$90.00	\$90.70	\$91.50	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.80	\$0.70	\$1.00	\$0.70	\$0.80	\$3.20
Projected Rate Increases	5						
Residential							
One 32-Gallon Can							
Per Month	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.24
Commercial							
One-Yard Pick Up	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$0.21	\$0.30	\$0.21	\$0.24	\$1.21

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Staff has no further comments on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or pingram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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