

June 14, 2012

Mr. Ed Hale, Utilities Manager
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**RE: San Juan County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket
TG-120644**

Dear Mr. Hale:

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

The 2011-2016 Plan and the Cost Assessment do not propose to increase tip fees. On April 3, 2012, the San Juan County Council passed a Service Level Ordinance (2-2012) that requires all residential garbage customers to pay a mandatory fee for curbside recycling. Currently, San Juan Sanitation Company (Company) does not offer curbside recycling. The Company estimates that it would cost approximately \$9.50 per month per residential customer to implement the curbside recycling program. The Company will file curbside recycling rates with the Commission for consideration to implement the Ordinance. The Ordinance is scheduled to become effective on September 1, 2012.

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 pigram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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