

Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.  
Pierce County Refuse  
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January 14, 2013

Mr. David W. Danner  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Attn: Records Section  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pierce County Refuse ("PCR"), G-98, "Disposal Fee-Only" Filing.

Dear Mr. Danner:

Our company has been notified that the tipping fee in Pierce County will increase from \$130.35 to \$137.08 per ton, a 5.16% increase, effective March 1, 2013. We project this will increase revenues and expenses for residential service by \$265,431, (2.34%); for commercial services by \$173,023, (2.71%); and drop box service by \$100,242, (5.16%) for a 12-month period. The last general rate increase approved by the Commission was effective November 1, 2011.

For solid waste collection services pertinent to customers residing on Joint Base Lewis-McChord ("JBLM" including Equity Quality Residential, "EQR"), the disposal fee will increase from \$90.60 to \$95.36 (5.25%) per ton, as county administrative and other fees are not included for service on JBLM which is outside the Pierce County Solid Waste System.

Attached are revised tariff pages for tariff number 9 as well as supporting documentation to justify this increase. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission they will become effective March 1, 2013. We are now requesting, pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2)(a)(iii), that customers receive notification of the change on the initial billing following action by the Commission on these rates.

Pursuant to Orders No. 01 and 04 in Docket TG-120073 Rejecting Tariff Filings, PCR's current tariffs affected by the filing are still presently suspended and subject to investigation and refund. We are therefore asking leave again of the Commission, pursuant to RCW 81.28.040 and RCW 81.28.050, to consider these filings for revised rates due to the featured disposal fee increases.

Finally, PCR also hereby asks the Commission to grant an exemption from WAC 480-07-520 and WAC 480-07-505(3)(b) to allow the enclosed filing to be treated as a "disposal fee-only" filing and to otherwise meet the conditions for waivers/exemptions within the spirit of the rule and WAC 480-07-110(2)(c), in avoiding an undue hardship on PCR in requiring the time and expense of a general rate filing in light of the narrow issue of a disposal fee expense increase as substantiated by the filing.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 832-8749, or via e-mail at [irmgardw@wcnx.org](mailto:irmgardw@wcnx.org).

Sincerely,

Irmgard R. Wilcox  
Senior Pricing Manager