



January 18, 2013

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
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P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA. 98504-7250

Subject: Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Waste Management of Spokane (G-237); Tariff No. 17

Enclosed herein, you will find new Tariff No.17 for the above-referenced operating division of Waste Management of Washington d/b/a Waste Management of Spokane ("WMS"). This new tariff reflects increases to our residential and commercial garbage collection rates, yard waste collection rates and increases to our residential recycling collection rates with an offsetting increase to the corresponding commodity credit related to the value of the recyclables collected and sold. This new tariff is being filed with a proposed effective date of March 5, 2013.

WMS received its last general rate increase on January, 2009, nearly four years ago. We are requesting adjustments to our rates due to increased maintenance, labor, fuel and other operating and administrative costs since our last general rate increase. In addition to these increased expenses, the revised rates also reflect a substantial investment at our collection facility to build the infrastructure to fuel our new CNG trucks. The revised recycling rates reflect a new collection system that collects comingled recyclables on an every other week basis in company supplied 96-gallon carts and in new CNG fueled trucks. The new recycling system includes the collection of mixed waste paper which was previously excluded. The material is delivered to our newly constructed MRF, the SmART Recycling Center ("SmART"), which is an operating division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. The revised recycling collection rates reflect the cost to process the recyclable materials at SmART. The revised yard waste collection rates reflect higher processing fees since our last rate filing and similar to recycling, are also being collected in new CNG fueled trucks.

This new tariff, if approved by the Commission, would increase Company service revenue by approximately \$3,100,000 (12.1%). Residential and Commercial garbage service rates would increase by 3%, residential recycling rates by 73% and residential yard waste rates by 44%, respectively. To mitigate this increase, we are also requesting that the customers' recycling commodity credits be increased from \$1.03 per month to \$2.62 per month (155% inc.) to reflect the estimated value of recyclables processed and sold at our new SmART Recycling Center. This revised rebate amount is proposed to remain in effect until the annual rebate expiration date of July 31, 2013, and at that time will be revised in accordance with the "deferred accounting methodology". Accordingly, when taking the increased commodity credit into account the net increase to the customers recycling rates will be approximately 50%.

Enclosed for your review are one paper and two electronic copies (excel and pdf. format) of our accounting workpapers. Please note that our filing includes certain information that is confidential, and protected from production as a public record under RCW 42.56.270(1). Sample customer notices are also enclosed. Customer notices will be mailed on or before February 3, 2013. In addition, a copy of this transmittal letter was mailed to Spokane County on January 18, 2013.

Also enclosed is a "Petition for General Rate Filing and Rule Exemption", seeking the Commission's approval to file Work Papers that vary from a strict interpretation of the general rate filing regulations. This request seeks an exemption for Work Papers similar to that which has been approved by the Commission under exemptions granted to Waste Management of Washington, Inc. in its six most recent general rate increase filings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael A. Weinstein'.

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cc: Marco Gonzalez
Clerk of the Board, Spokane Chair