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Brenda Blanchfield  
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**RE: Chelan County Solid Waste Management Plan Cost  
Assessment Questionnaire TG-170344**

Dear Ms. Blanchfield:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has completed its review of the revised cost assessment questionnaire for the preliminary draft of the Chelan County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan), submitted May 3, 2017.

The cost assessment questionnaire in the 2015 – 2020 Plan proposes to increase tip fees from 2018 to 2022 at the transfer stations located in Chelan County. Most of the municipal solid waste collected by regulated companies in Chelan County is transported to the Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill (GWRL) which is privately owned and operated, and located in Douglas County. Chelan County does not have control over the tip fees charged at GWRL, nor does it receive any revenue from GWRL. As a result of the proposed tip fee increases, there will be a minimal rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Chelan County.

The tables below illustrate the impact of proposed tip fees at the Chelan Transfer Station (approximately 1,500 customers) and the Wenatchee Transfer station (approximately 12,000 customers), which are utilized by certificated haulers. The fee stated includes the current \$64.00 per ton charged by GWRL for final disposal.

<i>Chelan Transfer Station</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Projected Disposal Fees</b>							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$114.00	\$116.28	\$118.61	\$120.98	\$123.40	\$125.87	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$2.28	\$2.33	\$2.37	\$2.42	\$2.47	\$11.87
<b>Projected Rate Increases</b>							
<i>Residential</i>							
Monthly rate for one 32-gallon can per week service	\$0.00	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.87
<i>Commercial</i>							
Monthly rate for one-yard per pick up service	\$0.00	\$0.86	\$0.88	\$0.90	\$0.92	\$0.94	\$4.50

<i>Wenatchee Transfer Station</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Projected Disposal Fees</b>							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$88.45	\$90.78	\$92.60	\$94.45	\$96.34	\$98.26	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$2.33	\$1.82	\$1.85	\$1.89	\$1.92	\$9.81
<b>Projected Rate Increases</b>							
<i>Residential</i>							
Monthly rate for one 32-gallon can per week service	\$0.00	\$0.17	\$0.13	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.72
<i>Commercial</i>							
Monthly rate for one-yard per pick up service	\$0.00	\$0.88	\$0.69	\$0.70	\$0.72	\$0.73	\$3.72

Commission Staff has no further comment on the cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Mike Young at 360-664-1155 or by email at [myoung@utc.wa.gov](mailto:myoung@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Steve King  
 Executive Secretary

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