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RE: Request for Review Asotin County Comprehensive Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, for Years 2025-2030, dated October 2025.

Dear Paula Wesch:

Thank you for filing Asotin County’s 2025-2030 Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Asotin County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The 2025-2030 Plan proposes in Asotin County, the projected tip fee is to increase for inflationary adjustment to \$13.33 per ton in 2027 after having rates stay the same over six years in a row at \$49.73. The County states the solid waste facility will be operating at a deficit without increase in 2027.

The County currently does not offer recycling and yard waste through the regulated haulers. The county offers several municipal recycling operations, two private recycling companies and several satellite recycling drop box facilities. The County also offers several municipal organics collection operations within the planning area.

Projected Disposal Fees	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$49.73	\$49.73	\$63.06	\$63.06	\$63.06	\$63.06
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Percentage Increase	0%	0%	26.8%	0%	0%	0%

Projected Rate Increases	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commercial						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Plan speaks to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. Under the RCW authority, the County may request a regulated solid waste company to provide discount rates for charges or services to low-income or senior. Currently, the County has not requested such a rate in the Plan. Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for such a rate and believe it may be worth the County to consider requesting discounted rates. We understand that it may not happen in the current Plan but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission Staff has no further comments on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the Commission’s Plan review process to Kelsey Hanson at (360) 664-1250.

Sincerely,

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