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**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST**  
**(Due by 5:00 p.m., September 25, 2024)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Murrey's Disposal Company*  
*D/B/A Olympic Disposal,*  
Docket TG-230778

**Bench Request No. 1:**

**TO COMMISSION STAFF:**

In the evidentiary hearing and in the rebuttal testimony of Joe Wonderlick in Exh. JW-25CT at 5:9 – 7:7, the Company identified specific calculation issues with some of Staff's proposed adjustments.

- a. Please clarify whether Staff will provide any updates to its proposed adjustments based on this testimony, including Staff's adjustments made to:
  - Insurance Expense
  - Termination Pay
  - Employee Community Activity; and
  - Sale of Assets (Stranded Asset)
  
- b. If Staff proposes any revisions to the above referenced adjustments, or any other revisions to its proposal, please file a revised revenue requirement model that clearly identifies any changes, includes any supporting calculations, and provides a brief narrative description of any changes to Staff's current revenue requirement model (Exh. BS-11C). Please submit these documents in electronic spreadsheet format with all formulas and links intact as required by WAC 480-07-510(3)(e).

**Bench Request No. 2:****TO COMMISSION STAFF:**

As referenced during the evidentiary hearing by the Company, Staff's response testimony (Exh. BS-1CTr) does not specify Staff's proposed total additional annual revenue requirement (or revenue increase) amount.

- a. With respect to Exh. BS-11C, under the Excel worksheet titled "LG-Public – Regulated – Staff," Cell M21, please confirm whether the total revenue increase proposed by Staff is the \$1.163 million provided in Cell M21. If not, please state Staff's proposed total revenue increase and identify where this figure was derived. If Staff proposes a revision to its total revenue increase pursuant to Bench Request No. 1, please indicate as such.
- b. Please identify Staff's proposed revenue increase for each individual line of service (*e.g.*, "Mill Haul", "Clallam Total", "Clallam County Recycling", "Clallam County MSW", *etc.*).
  - i. Please also indicate where each accompanying Lurito-Gallagher worksheet is contained in Staff's revenue requirement model (Exh. BS-11C). If these are contained in a revised workbook submitted pursuant to Bench Request No. 1, please provide Staff's proposal for each and indicate where these are contained in the revised revenue requirement model.

**Bench Request 3:****TO COMMISSION STAFF:**

Referring to the Rebuttal Testimony of Company witness Joe Wonderlick Exh. JW-25CT at 36:17 – 38:7, the Company describes its proposed fuel expense adjustment, including discussion of its prior fixed price fuel agreement and its current market-priced fuel agreement.

- a. Does Staff contest the Company's arguments regarding deviation from its literal interpretation of WAC 480-70-346? Please explain why or why not.
- b. Does Staff agree with the Company's proposed calculation methodology for a pending fuel adjustment as described in this portion of testimony? Please explain why or why not.
- c. Regarding Staff's proposed fuel adjustment referenced in Exh. BS-1CTr at 36:8-19, please clarify whether Staff proposes the use of 12-months of actual fuel invoices, as opposed to applying an updated fuel price to total gallons consumed during said 12-month period.
- d. Referencing Exh. BS-11C "Staff Adjustments" worksheet, Cell AR451 through AR453, showing Staff's pro forma fuel adjustment, Staff appears to modify the Company's proposal regarding "CCA Costs." Please explain this portion of Staff's adjustment. Please also explain whether a similar adjustment would be necessary in a revised fuel expense adjustment using more recent fuel cost data.

**Bench Request 4:****TO OLYMPIC DISPOSAL:**

Referring to the rebuttal testimony of Joe Wonderlick in Exh. JW-25T at 30:16 – 31: 3, Wonderlick references a Company offer to “use a five year or similar average in ratemaking to allow for [the] ebb and flow [of its employee incentive program payouts].”

- a. Please provide the necessary data pursuant to this offer such that the Commission may consider this proposal. Please also provide a corresponding adjustment (or adjustments) and indicate how such a proposal can be effectuated in the Company’s revenue requirement model. Please also provide a brief narrative description of any provided data and accompanying adjustment (or adjustments). If this information is already provided in the record, please identify where this is contained.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than **Wednesday, September 25, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.**, by electronic filing with the Commission’s Records Center. Please provide courtesy email copies to all parties and the presiding Administrative Law Judge. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Amy Bonfrisco via email at [amy.bonfrisco@utc.wa.gov](mailto:amy.bonfrisco@utc.wa.gov).

*/s/ Amy Bonfrisco*  
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cc: All Parties