

**RABANCO COMPANIES PROPOSED RECYCLING AND COMMODITY
REVENUE SHARING PLAN FOR KING COUNTY**

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1. Introduction

This plan was developed with the expressed intent of increasing the amount of recyclable material currently generated by WUTC single family residential customers serviced by Eastside Disposal Company and Rabanco Connections Company, both operating divisions of Rabanco Companies. The enhanced commingled recycling part of the plan is made possible by significant investment in equipment upgrades at the Rabanco Recycling Plant in Seattle. A portion of the funding for implementation and ongoing operating costs of this Recycling Plan is expected to be received from a sharing of the revenues derived from the sale of the commodities collected and marketed. This commodity sharing provision was enacted by RCW 81.77.185.

2. Baseline Data

Rabanco will create baseline data that addresses the various aspects of the programs as follows:

- **Annual commodity revenues and recycling tonnage collected (by month and by commodity) by tariff and by service territory for the past 4 years (see Attachment A).
- **Number of residential recycling customers over the last 4 years.
- **Pounds of garbage collected per household per month over the last 4 years.
- **Composition analysis of the recycling commodities collected from 300 Eastside Disposal residential customers in the County prior to program implementation. The area selected will be representative of the County.
- **Baseline data will be retained for a minimum of five years.
- **Percent of material recycled will be measured by dividing total recyclable tonnage collected by the combined tonnage of recyclables and garbage collected.

3. Expanded Single Family residential Recycling Services

- A. Additional materials accepted in the recycling program at both companies will include poly-coated beverage containers, poly-coated freezer boxes, all plastic bottles and food tubs (excluding polystyrene)

- B. and ferrous and non-ferrous metals with a size maximum of 2 feet X 2 feet X 1 foot and weighing 35 pounds or less.
- C. A single stream recycling program using a 96 gallon toter for the collection of all materials will replace the current system of two separate containers for Eastside Disposal customers. All existing customers will have new decals applied to their toters. The decals will provide new recycling instructions including a listing of acceptable materials. Garbage customers currently not receiving recycle service will have a new toter delivered to them with applicable instructions as to its use.
- D. Residential post-consumer food waste collection for yard waste customers will be initiated in the area serviced by Rabanco Connections where yard waste service is currently weekly. The program will start June 1, 2004 assuming a compost site acceptable to Rabanco is permitted to accept the anticipated tonnage. There will be no additional charge to customers for this service.
- E. If desired by the County Rabanco will participate in a pilot program within the Rabanco Connections collection area that will test a variable can rate structure for food waste/yard waste customers. A universal organics fee would be paid by all garbage customers in the pilot area and those customers could then choose their level of food waste/yard waste service. Start date would be the latter half of 2004.
- F. Data Reporting and Public Information

Rabanco will continue to provide the data required by KCC 10.18.060. in a timely and accurate manner.

Rabanco will also provide the following to the County:

- *count of residential customers by service level, the recycling rate and the amount of each commodity collected.

- *an annual list of multifamily customers serviced including address, contact information, and number of units

- *data retention for a minimum of five years

During the first year of this agreement Rabanco will provide the following monthly information:

- *total tons of recyclable materials and estimated tons of

residual garbage disposed at the Rabanco Recycling Plant

*estimated revenues received by commodity and by tariff

*a log of customer comments related to service and rate changes

Mailings will be sent to all affected customers. Recycling customers will be advised of the new materials accepted in the recycle stream. Food waste/yard waste customers will be advised as to the post-consumer food waste products that are acceptable in the yard waste container. Neither set of customers will have collection schedule changes. Rabanco will cooperate with the County in developing the content of the mailings.

Rabanco will work with the County in developing additional annual mailings. The content of the mailings will be determined by mutual agreement.

4. Implementation schedule.

Rabanco hopes to receive County and WUTC approval of these Programs by mid-November such that the commodity credit savings can be implemented as of January 1, 2004 for Eastside Disposal and as of June 1, 2004 for Rabanco Connections. Rabanco seeks approval for both companies of the full 30% retention of the revenues from the sale of recyclables based on Rabanco's commitment to the following:

*implementation of single stream recycling for all of Eastside Disposal WUTC customers (approximately 16,000 customers), including mailings, decals, adding new materials and retooling of the Rabanco Recycling Plant.

*implementation of the post-consumer food waste program for all WUTC yard waste customers at Rabanco Connections Company (approximately 5300 customers). Participation in a 1000 customer pilot program for testing a variable can rate design program using an imbedded universal fee for food waste/yard waste collection.

*addition at both companies of polycoated beverage containers, all plastic bottles and food tubs (excluding polystyrene) and ferrous and non-ferrous metals with size maximums.

*delivery at both companies of recycling containers to all non-recycling garbage customers.

*demonstrating an increase of at least 1% in pounds per home recycled in the commingled recycle program, based on pre and post program implementation composition analyses. This demonstration will be accomplished through a December 2003 composition study of 300 households in the Eastside Disposal area followed by a Fall 2004 study of the same 300 households. The weight of the recyclables per household (excluding yard waste and residual garbage) collected in the second composition study will be at least 1% higher than the weight collected in the first analysis (see Attachment B).

*providing data and reports for both companies as described above on a timely basis.

5. Follow-on actions after December 2004.

If any part of this agreement has not been implemented or if the goals have not been met, then King County may request that the WUTC reduce the revenue sharing as of January 2005. On the other hand if the goals have been achieved and the programs fully implemented then the County will recommend that the WUTC approve the full revenue sharing percentage for the year 2005.

Rabanco Companies Authorized Representative

Mrs. [Signature]

11/24/03
Date

KING COUNTY CERTIFICATION

With this acknowledgement, King County hereby certifies this Recycling Plan is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and the County's understanding of RCW 81.77.185.

King County Authorized Representative

[Signature]

11-21-03
Date

**IMPLEMENTATION TIME-LINE FOR ENHANCED RECYCLING PROJECT
EASTSIDE DISPOSAL COMPANY**

Submit final plan to County for certification	Week of November 17th
Receive certified plan from County	Week of November 17th
County review of recycle decals	Week of November 24th
King County tour of Rabanco Recycling plant	Week of November 24th
Order new decals for recycle toters	Week of November 24th
Develop draft mailing notice for customers	Week of December 1st
King County review of draft mailing notice	Week of December 1st
Mailings to mayors of project cities	Week of December 15th
Mailings sent to customers	Week of December 15th
Complete 300 home composition analysis	Week of December 15th
Apply new decals to existing recycle toters	Weeks of December 22/29
Distribute toters to non-recycling customers	Week of December 29th
Develop baseline data	January 2004
Develop program reporting formats	January 2004
Implement collection	Week of January 5th, 2004
Complete 300 home composition analysis	Fall 2004