

August 15, 2007

Ms. Kay Hasu  
Assistant Director  
Pacific County  
1218 W. Robert Bush Drive,  
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**RE: Pacific County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan TG-071452**

Dear Ms. Kay Hasu:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Pacific County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan).

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan shows minimal financial impact to rate payers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Pacific County. The Plan calls for tip fee increases from \$93.35 per ton in 2008 to \$98 per ton in 2011. Residential customers would see increases up to \$.34 per month and commercial customers would see an increase, up to \$1.71 per yard based on the projected tip fee increases.

Staff has only one comment for consideration. The Plan describes solid waste collection companies as "franchise haulers." The commission issues Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. Please change all references from "franchise" to "certificate" or "certificated" as it relates to regulated haulers.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or by e-mail at [pingram@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:pingram@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary

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Cullen Stephenson, Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program Manager