

September 12, 2007

Ms. Suzanne Tresko  
Spokane Regional Solid Waste System  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99201-3333

**RE: Spokane County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan TG-071669**

Dear Ms. Tresko:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Spokane County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update for the years 2004-2009.

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan shows no financial impact to ratepayers served by certificated solid waste collection companies in Spokane County. The Plan states that Spokane County's tipping fees will remain at \$98 per ton for the duration of the Plan.

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

We hope that you find our review and suggestions helpful. Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or by email at [pingram@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:pingram@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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