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February 5, 2008

TO:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250, Olympia WA 98504-7250

FROM:

Robert H. Bizak- [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

I wish to comment on Pierce County Refuse's request for a rate increase effective March 1, 2008.

I have no objection to their asking for an increase to cover increased operating costs. This is normal.

I strongly object to being charged for curbside recycling. The thousands of Pierce County residents who re-cycle are keeping mountains of refuse out of the Garbage Dump. This is saving the State and County the cost of finding a larger place to dump refuse. Can you imagine what would happen to the Dump if everyone in Pierce County would stop recycling?

ALL OF US WHO RE-CYCLE ARE DOING THE STATE AND COUNTY A MAJOR FAVOR. WE SHOULD NOT BE FINANCIALLY PENALIZED FOR DOING SO.

Your consideration of my comments would be deeply appreciated

Sincerely
Robert H. Bizak

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

January 25, 2008

Dear Customer,

Pierce County Refuse has filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to increase garbage and recycling rates effective March 1, 2008. This increase is to cover increased operating costs, including disposal fees, fuel, equipment, labor and medical insurance. Our last increase took effect March 1, 2007. Current and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATES</u>	
	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
1 Reg Can Weekly	\$12.50	\$14.25
2 Reg Cans Weekly	18.70	21.00
1 Reg Can Monthly	6.00	6.30
65 Gallon Weekly	19.15	20.15
65 Gallon Every other Week	12.80	13.20
65 Gallon Monthly	7.20	7.70
95 Gallon Weekly	24.10	25.95
95 Gallon Every other Week	16.45	16.90
95 Gallon Monthly	10.30	10.50

In addition to the above rates, customers who do not recycle are charged an additional \$1.00 per regular can, \$2.00 per 65 gallon container or \$3.00 per 95 gallon container.

Extra Can	3.29	3.45
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All residential garbage customers also pay the following co-mingled recycling service fee.

Curbside Recycling	4.35	5.02
Less: Recycle Commodity Credit	(1.68)	(1.90)
	2.67	3.12

Regular service is billed two months at a time. Other rates not listed may have increased from 0% to 40%. If you have any questions about this proposal, you may contact our office at 1-800-345-3629 253-539-0077 (fax) or at 13502 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98444

These rates are subject to approval by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The WUTC will conduct an extensive review of this proposal and may approve, deny, or set rates different than those listed above. If you would like to comment on this filing, be added to the commission's mailing list, or have questions about the ratemaking process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment in person at the commission's open meeting in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on February 14, 2008, or by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's web site, at <http://www.utc.wa.gov>. The commission is scheduled to make a decision at its open meeting on February 28. If you are unable to attend an open meeting in person, the commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

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