

David Danner, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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May 13, 2010

Dear Secretary Danner,

In accordance with WAC 480-07-520, we are submitting this transmittal letter and a request for a general rate increase for San Juan Sanitation, Inc., permit G-144. Enclosed please find revised tariff pages and the required work papers. This is an adjustment to Solid Waste Tariff Number 7, with an Effective Date of July 1, 2010.

We are requesting a general rate increase for the first time since 2003. We are filing for new rates to recover a substantial increase in disposal rates, which will be implemented by San Juan County beginning July 1, 2010. In addition, over the last 7 years, wages, benefits, equipment maintenance and operating costs have increased significantly and can no longer be offset by an expanding customer base. The requested increase affects all residential and commercial garbage service rates. If approved by the Commission as filed, residential garbage rates will increase by \$39,892 (19.83%) and commercial rates will increase by \$185,347 (20.02%). These requested rates would result in revenues that are approximately 19.13% higher, based on current regulated garbage revenue.

Customer notices will be mailed prior to May 28 in order to provide at least thirty-days notice as required by WAC 480-70-271. Per the regulation, copies of the customer notice will also be mailed to the members of the San Juan County Council and the public affairs office of the Commission. A copy of this transmittal letter was mailed to the San Juan County Council.

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Sincerely,

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CC: San Juan County Council

