August 26, 2010

Stephen L. Becker Solid Waste Supervisor Asotin County 2901 6th Avenue Clarkston, WA 99403

RE: Comments on the Preliminary Draft of Asotin County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, TG-101226.

Dear Mr. Becker:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission/UTC) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Asotin County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan). In accordance with RCW 70.95.096, commission staff analyzed the Plan to determine the probable effect, if any, of the Plan's recommendations on the rates charged by solid waste companies.

The analysis of the Cost Assessment shows a minimal financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Asotin County. The Plan calls for very minimal tip fee increases. An average residential customer's (one-can, weekly service) bill would increase approximately \$0.07 per month between 2009 and 2012. An average commercial customer's (one yard, weekly service) bill would increase approximately \$0.33 per month between 2009 and 2012.

Please direct questions or comments to Christian Ward, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1349 or by email at cward@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment

cc: James V. Wavada II, Department of Ecology, Environmental Planner