

August 25, 2011

Mr. Mark Storey
Whitman County Engineer
310 N. Main Street
Colfax, WA 99111

RE: Whitman County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-111291

Dear Mr. Storey:

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

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the Plan has determined that there will be a financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Whitman County. The Plan proposes to increase tip fees from \$99 per ton in 2011 to \$105.06 per ton in 2016. Rates for residential customers would increase between \$.12 per month and \$.37 per month, and rates for commercial customers would increase between \$.60 per yard and \$1.84 per yard. Staff has no further comments on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or by email at pingram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary

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