

November 23, 2011

Mr. Don Olson, Solid Waste Manager
Cowlitz County Department of Public Works
Public Works Administration Building
1600 13th Avenue South
Kelso, WA 98626

RE: Cowlitz County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-111953

Dear Mr. Olson:

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

The Plan proposes to increase tip fees from \$37.30 per ton in 2011 to \$43.17 per ton in 2016. 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 Cowlitz County as shown in the table.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Projected Disposal Fees							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$37.30	\$37.30	\$37.30	\$40.55	\$41.84	\$43.17	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.25	\$1.29	\$1.33	
Projected Rate Increases							
Residential							
One 32-gallon can per month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.36
Commercial							
One Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.99	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$1.78

Staff has no further comments on the Plan.

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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,

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Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Mike Drumright, Waste 2 Resources Program