



Steven King, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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May 31, 2013

Dear Secretary King,

We are submitting this transmittal letter and a request for a disposal-only rate increase for Nooksack Valley Disposal Inc., permit G-166. 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 August 1, 2013.

Recycling and Disposal Services, Inc. has given notice that they are increasing our disposal fees by 5.3%, to a new rate of \$88.48 per ton beginning August 1, 2013. The requested increase affects all residential and commercial garbage service rates related to disposal. If approved by the Commission as filed, these requested rates would result increase company revenues by \$15,709 or 1.58%, and residential and commercial rates would go up by approximately 1.7%.

We are requesting an exemption for this submittal from the requirement to file work papers as outlined in WAC 480-07-520(4). We believe Nooksack Valley Disposal qualifies for this exemption, as our last general rate request was approved for rates effective February 1, 2012 (Docket TG 111975). Since that time, no material changes have taken place, customer counts are the same, and fuel and other expenses are very similar to those contained in that filing. We believe that granting this exemption from the filing requirements in WAC 480-70-520(4) would be consistent with public interest as required in WAC 480-70-051 and WAC 480-07-110.

Customer notices will be mailed with the first bill after commission approval as outlined in WAC 480-70-271(2). A copy of this transmittal letter will be mailed to the Whatcom County Council.

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