

January 16, 2014

Ms. Donna Holmes
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RE: Benton County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-132248

Dear Ms. Holmes:

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

The 2013-2018 Plan proposes to increase tip fees by two percent each year. As a result, there will be a minimal rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Benton County.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Projected Disposal Fees							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$79.90	\$81.50	\$83.13	\$84.80	\$86.49	\$88.22	
Per Ton Increase		\$1.60	\$1.63	\$1.66	\$1.71	\$1.73	\$8.33
Projected Rate Increases							
Residential							
Monthly rate for one 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service		\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.61
Commercial							
One-Yard – Per Pick Up		\$0.61	\$0.62	\$0.63	\$0.65	\$0.66	\$3.16

Staff has no further comment 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 pingram@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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