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Becci Piepel
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**RE: Douglas County Solid Waste Management Plan Cost
 Assessment Questionnaire TG-171181**

Dear Ms. Pieple:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of the revised cost assessment questionnaire for the preliminary draft of the Douglas County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan), submitted December 7, 2017.

The cost assessment questionnaire in the 2018 – 2023 Plan proposes to increase fees from 2018 to 2023 at the transfer stations located in Douglas County. As a result, there will be a rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Douglas County, as illustrated in the table below.

	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Total</i>
Projected County Admin Costs							
Per Ton Admin Cost	\$5.68	\$5.68	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$6.05	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$0.37
Projected Rate Increases							
<i>Residential</i>							
Monthly rate for one 32-gallon can per week service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.03
<i>Commercial</i>							
Monthly rate for one-yard per pick up service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.09	\$0.13

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Douglas County recovers program costs through a county fee instead of a tipping or disposal fee. The above calculations reflect the increase in administrative costs not an increase of tipping fees. This is consistent with the county's calculation in Appendix J of its manual for the draft Solid Waste Plan.

Staff has no further comment on the cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Cristina Steward at 360-664-1274 or by email at cristina.steward@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary

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