Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. Pierce County Refuse 4111 192nd St E Tacoma, WA 98446

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Mr. Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Attn: Records Section Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250 Records Management 01/18/19 16:51 State Of WASH TTIL. AND TRANSP

COMMISSION

RE: Tariff Revision, Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pierce County Refuse ('PCR"), G-98, "Disposal Fee-Only" Filing.

Dear Mr. King:

Our company has been notified that the tipping fee in Pierce County will increase from \$157.38 to \$164.34 per ton, a 4.42% increase, effective March 1, 2019. We project this will increase revenues for residential service by \$278,000 (2.25%); for commercial services by \$191,000 (2.61%); and drop box service by \$132,000 (4.42%); for a 12-month period. There are approximately 52,000 residential; 5,300 commercial and 150 drop box customers affected by this change.

The last general rate increase approved by the Commission was effective November 1, 2011.

For solid waste collection services pertinent to customers residing on Joint Base Lewis-McChord ("JBLM" including Equity Quality Residential, "EQR"), the disposal fee will increase from \$107.83 to \$112.64 per ton, a 4.5% increase, as county administrative and other fees are not included for service on JBLM because it is outside the Pierce County Solid Waste System. We project this will increase revenues by \$23,805 (1.77%) for a 12-month period. There are approximately 4,900 residential customers affected by this change.

As instructed by the UTC staff during the audit of TG-132227, TG-132228, and TG-132091 the audited calculations have been updated with the increase in tipping fees, no changes to tonnage or customer count have been made. Attached are revised tariff pages for tariff number 9 as well as supporting documentation to justify this increase.

We respectfully ask that this filing be accepted under LSN, per WAC 480-70-276. If the LSN is accepted and these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the revised commodity price adjustment will go into effect on March 1, 2019. Pursuant to WAC 480-70-271(2)(a)(vi), affected customers will receive notification of this change on the billing reflecting the revised rates.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 695-4923, or via e-mail at <u>heatherg@wcnx.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Heather Garland Pricing Manager