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Mr. Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Attn: Records Section  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Tariff Revision to Recover Incremental COVID 19 Costs – Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc.,  
Revised Tariff No. 27

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We respectfully ask that the Commission accept this filing to recover incremental COVID 19 costs, as explained below.

### Overview

The Company proposes recovering \$310,000 of incremental COVID-19 costs, over a two-year period, beginning August 1, 2021. The two-year period is requested to minimize the monthly impact to customers. These costs include supplemental payments to all hourly employees, sanitary cleaning, and building and property expenses needed to maintain a safe work environment. The Company proposes the costs be recovered via an increase to each tariff rate, similar to a dump fee filing.

The increase is proposed as follows: Residential service \$79,500, 0.40%; commercial service \$25,000, 0.40%; multi-family service \$10,000, 0.40%, roll-off service \$10,600, 0.40%; residential/multi-family recycling service \$23,400, 0.40%; and yard waste service \$8,700, 0.40%. There are approximately 60,500 residential; 1,800 commercial; 2,900 multi-family, 277 roll-off; 60,900 residential recycling; 2,700 multi-family recycling; and 37,000 yard waste customers affected by this change.

### Rate Calculation

The Company tracks COVID-19 expenses in dedicated general ledger accounts. The regulated portion of those accounts for the period of April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 is \$311,000, or 0.80% of regulated revenue for the same period. Half of that percentage, as to allow for a two-year recovery, is \$155,500 or 0.40% of revenue. Each tariff rate will be increased by 0.40%. The Company has provided work papers with this filing, including a Price Out, to support the calculation and prove appropriate recovery of incremental COVID-19 costs.

### Tariff Pages

The Company is submitting a new set of "COVID-19 cost recovery" tariff pages, separate from existing tariff pages, in order to clearly state the expiration date of the COVID-19 recovery rates. If subsequent rate increases occur, such as a dump fee increase, the Company will update both sets of tariff pages for the approved increase. When the two-year recovery period ends, the Company will start billing the rates on the current "non-COVID-19 cost recovery" tariff pages.

### Filing Considerations

We request an exemption from the workpapers rules in WAC 480-07-520, and the 30 day customer notification in WAC 480-70-271(a), as this is a pass-through of known incremental COVID-19 costs,

similar to a dump fee filing. We will notify customers of this increase on the first bill reflecting the change.

## **CONCLUSION**

The company respectfully requests the Commission issue an order authorizing the Company to recover \$311,000 of COVID-19 incremental costs over a two-year period. The requested two year period begins August 1, 2021 and ends July 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (360) 695-4923, or via email at [Heather.Garland@WasteConnections.com](mailto:Heather.Garland@WasteConnections.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Garland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Heather Garland  
Pricing Manager