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

Subject: Waste Management of Spokane, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237); Tariff # 18

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 22, and 26 to the above-referenced tariff. The main purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the change in the commodity credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. These tariff revisions reflect an increase in the current commodity credit of \$0.53 to \$1.11 per month for residential customers and an increase of the rebate of \$0.04 to \$0.15 per yard for multi-family customers.

In accordance with Staff recommendations we are removing internal labors costs from the RSA budget and adding those expenses to our recycling collection rate. These are expenses that are essentially incurred with every RSA and will not materially change with each new RSA with the County. By redirecting these funds, we are able to increase our budgeted expenditures as reflected in our accounting workpapers. Accordingly, we are proposing that the monthly recycling collection rate be increased with this filing from \$9.37 to \$9.54 per month.

Any changes in the commodity credit is jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages and materials composition since the commodity credit adjustment on August 1, 2020. Furthermore, with this filing we are revising our current practice of estimating the projected revenues based on the revenues received over the past six months to 12 months in accordance with Staff recommendations. We are requesting that the proposed effective date of these tariff revisions be August 1, 2021.

In accordance with RCW 81.77.185, the recycling commodity credit is also being adjusted to accommodate the Revenue Sharing Plan (RSA) with Spokane County for the period of August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2022, under which the Company is authorized to retain up to 50% of recycling commodity revenues to be spent on program activities. This RSA was certified by County officials.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers and the Spokane County Mid-Year report letter regarding our progress on the current Revenue Sharing Plan. Customers will be notified of the change in their commodity credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (206) 954-3831.

Very truly yours,

*Michael Weinstein*

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Clerk of the Board, Spokane County Chair