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Greg Holmes
 Solid Waste Supervisor
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**RE: Lincoln County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, For Years 2024-2029
 TG-240882**

Dear Greg Holmes:

Thank you for filing Lincoln County’s 2024 – 2029 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Lincoln County Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The 2024-2029 Plan proposes to increase tip fees by approximately 4 percent per year for the life of the plan. As a result, there will be a minimal rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Lincoln County.

Projected Disposal Fees	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$119.04	\$124.32	\$129.91	\$135.75	\$141.85	\$148.23
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$5.28	\$5.59	\$5.84	\$6.10	\$6.38
Percentage Increase	0%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Projected Rate Increases	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Residential						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$0.00	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.47
Commercial						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$2.12	\$2.21	\$2.31	\$2.42

The Plan does not speak to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. In the future, implementing discounts for services provided under Commission jurisdiction, we would encourage you to add that to the Plan.

Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for discounted rates and believe it would be worth the County to consider. We understand that it may not happen in the current plan but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission Staff has no further comment on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Jeanine Leggett at (360) 664-1230.

Sincerely,

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