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RE: Lewis County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Cost Assessment
Questionnaire
Docket TG-250387

Dear Christina Kullberg:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of the cost assessment questionnaire for the preliminary draft of the Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) submitted on May 21, 2025.

The 2025-2030 Plan proposes Lewis County fund programs through tipping fees, grants, and reserve funds. The County anticipates increasing tipping fees and disposal tonnage increasing approximately 4.3 percent annually to increase revenues.

The County currently offers recycling and yard waste through the regulated haulers. The County offers drop boxes for some recycling materials.

Projected Disposal Fees	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$124.00	\$128.00	\$132.00
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Percentage Increase	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.33%	3.23%	3.13%

Projected Rate Increases	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29
Commercial						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.52	\$1.52	\$1.52

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The Plan speaks to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. Under the RCW authority, the County may request a regulated solid waste company to provide discount rates on charges or services to low-income or seniors customers. Currently, the County has not requested such a rate in the Plan.

Recently, the Commission have been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for such a rate and believe it may be worth the County to consider requesting discounted rates. 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 cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Benjamin Sharbono at (360) 664-1242 or by email at benjamin.sharbono@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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