

**Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Pierce County Refuse**

June 8, 2021

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

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RE: Tariff Revision to Recover Incremental COVID 19 Costs – Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., dba Pierce County Refuse, G-98, Revised Tariff No. 10

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 \$216,500 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 \$52,700, 0.32%; commercial service \$24,500, 0.32%; roll-off service \$5,000, 0.32%; residential/multi-family recycling service \$13,800, 0.32%; and yard waste service \$6,600, 0.32%. There are approximately 54,800 residential; 5,000 commercial; 177 roll-off; 54,700 residential recycling; 600 multi-family recycling; and 29,000 yard waste customers affected by this change.

For customers receiving service on Joint Base Lewis-McChord the proposed change is as follows: Garbage service \$5,000, 0.32%; residential/multifamily recycling service \$1,000, 0.32%; and yard waste service \$150, 0.32%. There are approximately 4,200 garbage and recycling customers, and 600 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 \$216,500, or 0.62% of regulated revenue for the same period. Half of that percentage, as to allow for a two-year recovery, is \$108,250 or 0.32% of revenue. Each tariff rate will be increased by 0.32%. 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 \$216,500 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Garland", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heather Garland
Pricing Manager