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Attn: Kim Dobbins:

Subject:

Waste Management - Northwest, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc.

(G-237); Tariff # 15; Docket No. TG-030711

This is a revised transmittal letter for the above-referenced tariff. Please do not re-docket.

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 22, 25 and 26 to the above-referenced tariff. The 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 a reduction of the current commodity credit from \$1.72 to \$0.89 per month for residential customers (48%) and a reduction of \$0.20 per yard to \$0.16 per yard for multi-family customers (20%).

These changes are jointly due to the overall change in commodity values since our last commodity credit adjustment on April 1, 2002, and also to reflect the rate impact of the implementation of RCW 81.77.185 which allows the Company to retain up to 30% of the revenue the Company receives from the sale of commodities it collects from its customers. The proposed effective date of these tariff revisions is July 1, 2003. Customers will be notified of the change in their commodity credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing. In addition, the county has been notified of these proposed tariff changes.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers. Our Recycling and Revenue Sharing Plan which describes the proposed recycling program, how the company proposes to measure changes in the recycling rate, and how the money retained will be used to increase recycling has been submitted along with the required certification from the county.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bob Schille at (425) 823-6164 or me at (206) 264-3072.

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Very truly yours

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cc: Bob Schille

Steve Goldstein, Snohomish County Solid Waste Management Division