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Docket: TG-061854
Pullman Disposal Service, Inc., G-42

Staff: Bob Colbo, Transportation Program Staff
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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time.

Background

Today's presentation is to allow customers or other parties to comment on the proposed rates in Docket TG-061854. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on January 24, 2007.

On December 14, 2006, Pullman Disposal Service, Inc., (Pullman or company), filed a general rate increase. The company serves approximately 6,000 customers in and around the city of Pullman. Present rates have been in effect since 1997, and the overall impact of the filing will be \$747,731 (26.8%). The major cause of the proposed revision is an increase in tipping fees at the Whitman County Landfill from \$69 to \$95 per ton and increases to employee pay and benefits.

The commission received comments from three customers who opposed the proposed increase. These customers said they feel the rates are already too high, the charges for the different can sizes are not in proportion with the can sizes, and they don't have the option of taking there business elsewhere. One customer commented in favor of the proposed increase because of the great service she receives.

The current and proposed rates are shown below:

<u>Service Level</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
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Residential Rates - Wkly Svc., Mo. Rate

1 Can	\$ 13.12	\$ 16.50	25.8%
2 Can	\$ 17.72	\$ 22.29	25.8%
3 Can	\$ 25.12	\$ 31.60	25.8%
4 Can	\$ 30.47	\$ 38.33	25.8%

Commercial Rates

1 Yard Mo. Rent	\$ 3.82	\$ 4.81	25.9%
1 Yd. per pickup	\$ 9.30	\$ 11.70	25.8%
2 Yard Mo. Rent	\$ 5.20	\$ 6.54	25.8%
2 Yd. per pickup	\$ 16.40	\$ 20.63	25.8%
3 Yard Mo. Rent	\$ 6.13	\$ 7.71	25.8%
3 Yd. per pickup	\$ 22.75	\$ 28.62	25.8%

Drop Box Service

20 Yd. Mo. Rent	\$ 56.65	\$ 67.87	19.8%
20 Yd. per pickup	\$170.85	\$204.68	19.8%
30 Yd. Mo. Rent	\$ 56.65	\$ 67.87	19.8%
30 Yd. per pickup	\$184.50	\$221.03	19.8%
40 Yd. Mo. Rent	\$ 56.65	\$ 67.87	19.8%
40 Yd. per pickup	\$198.15	\$237.38	19.8%

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time.