

March 25, 2010

Mr. Ron Draggoo, Program Director
County Wide Solid Waste Programs of Douglas County
140 19th Street NW, Suite B
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

**RE: Comments on the Preliminary Draft of Douglas County's 2010 – 2015
Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, TG-100347.**

Dear Mr. Draggoo:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission or UTC) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Douglas County 2010 – 2015 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan). In accordance with RCW 70.95.096, commission staff analyzed the Plan to determine the probable effect, if any, of the Plan's recommendations on the rates charged by regulated solid waste collection companies.

Staff is unable to determine the future financial impacts to customers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Douglas County. The County does not own any disposal facilities and therefore could not predict future disposal fee increases. Staff reviewed the current disposal fees for each regulated solid waste collection company and found that both Zippy Disposal Service, Inc., and Sunrise Disposal, Inc., filed to increase disposal fees to become effective in 2009. Waste Management of Greater Wenatchee's disposal fees have been in effect since 2008.

Please see staff's comments on the Plan (attached). Please direct questions or comments to Penny Ingram, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1242 or by email at pingram@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Christopher M. Piercy, Central Regional Planner, DOE.
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