



Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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November 14, 2014

Dear Secretary King,

We are submitting this transmittal letter and a request for a disposal-only rate increase for Nooksack Valley Disposal Inc., permit G-166. Enclosed please find revised tariff pages, the notice from the third-party disposal site, and work papers. This is an adjustment to Solid Waste Tariff Number 4, with an Effective Date of January 1, 2015.

Recycling and Disposal Services, Inc. has given notice that they are increasing our disposal fees by 11.6%, to a new rate of \$98.74 per ton beginning January 1, 2015. The requested increase affects all residential and commercial garbage service rates related to disposal. If approved by the Commission as filed, these requested rates would result increase company revenues by \$37,174, and residential and commercial rates would go up between 3.3% and 4.6% or an average of 4.1%.

We are requesting an exemption from this submittal from the requirement to file work papers for a general rate proceeding as outlined in WAC 480-07-520(4), so that the tariff rates may be adjusted for the disposal fee increase only. We believe Nooksack Valley Disposal qualifies for this exemption, as our last general rate request was approved for rates effective February 1, 2012 (Docket TG-111975). Since that time, no material changes have taken place, customer counts have remained steady, inflation has been low, and expenses are very similar to those contained in that filing. We believe that granting this exemption from the filing requirements in WAC 480-70-520(4) would be consistent with public interest as required in WAC 480-70-051 and WAC 480-07-110.

Customer notices will be mailed with the first bill after commission approval as outlined in WAC 480-70-271(2). A copy of this transmittal letter will be mailed to the Whatcom County Council.

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Sincerely,

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