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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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Subject: Waste Management – South Sound and Waste Management of Seattle, divisions of Waste Management of Washington, Inc.(G-237); Tariff #23

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 6, 22, 25, 25A and 27 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is threefold. First, to reflect the change in the commodity charges for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. Second, to reflect the increase in our yard waste collection rates due to an increase in our processing fees at Cedar Grove Composting, Inc. Third, to the increase in the King County Board of Health hazardous waste fees. The proposed effective date for all of these tariff revisions is January 1, 2021.

The current commodity charge is proposed to increase from \$0.13 to \$0.27 per month for residential customers. Multi-family commodity charges are increasing proportionately to the increases to residential customers. These increases in the commodity charges are due to the overall changes in commodity values and tonnages since our last commodity credit adjustment on January 1, 2020.

Effective January 1, 2021 Cedar Grove will be increasing their processing fees to \$65.00 per ton. In order to recover this additional cost, we are requesting that our yard waste rates be increased by 5.8%.

Effective January 1, 2021 King County Board of Health will be increasing their hazardous waste fees by 5.4%.

As a reminder of context, the commodity charge filing is being submitted mid-way through the two-year Revenue Sharing Plan with King County for 2020 - 2021. It only reflects the changes to the commodity charges due to actual prices and quantities over the past 12 months. It does not make other adjustments that will be required upon completion of the Plans. In accordance with RCW 81.77.185 and the approved Plans, the Company will continue to retain up to 50% of recycling commodity revenues to be spent on program activities. At the end of the two-year period, these revised commodity credits will be subject to additional adjustments to reflect any incentives earned by the Company and amounts of retained revenue over or under spent to comply with the tasks in the Revenue Sharing plans.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers. Also enclosed are the letters from Cedar Grove and the King County Board of Health informing us of their respective rate increases. Customers will be notified of the all the changes described above on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission. In addition, the county has been notified of these proposed tariff changes.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (425) 814-7840.

Very truly yours,

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