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Ruby Irving
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**RE: Klickitat County Solid Waste Management Plan, Preliminary Draft November 2016,
Docket TG-201006**

Dear Ruby:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Klickitat County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The Plan does not propose to increase tip fees between 2021 and 2025. Additionally, recycling services are provided free of charge to residents through the contract to operate the county transfer stations. The Plan discusses expanding the recycling program by increasing community education and changing recycling service from using blue recycling bags to using recycling carts. However, the effects of China's "National Sword" campaign are negatively impacting the county's ability to find markets to sell recycling materials.

Regarding diversion of organic waste from the solid waste stream, the Plan states that yard waste service is not currently offered and food collection service is currently offered in a free-to-residents pilot program in Goldendale, with discussions to expand the program countywide as a free service. The county also offers advice on home composting through the county website and composting bins for a fee.

Staff finds no financial rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Klickitat County and has no further comments on the Plan.

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Please direct questions or comments about the Commission's Plan review process to Benjamin Sharbono at (360) 664-1242 or benjamin.sharbnono@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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