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COMMISSIO

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Mr. Mark Johnson **Executive Director/Secretary** Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Basin Disposal, Inc. - G-118 **Disposal Cost Recovery Filing** 

On behalf of Basin Disposal, Inc. - G-118, I am filing certain revised tariff pages and other documents requesting a rate increase effective January 1, 2022. This filing is necessitated by disposal fee increases by the local transfer station owned and operated by Columbia Basin, LLC. For the turn of the year, we are also requesting a rate adjustment to rates with a disposal component, for state Business and Occupation (B&O) tax increase that went into effect in 2020. This year, we realized rates with a disposal component were not adjusted for (B&O) tax increase in filing TG-200931.

If this filing is approved by the Commission, the hauler's overall revenue will increase approximately 1.57%, or \$57,547. The revenue breakdown is:

	Gross Revenue Increase	Approximate Customer Percent Change
Residential	\$14,500	0.98%
Commercial	\$11,824	1.13%
Drop Box	\$31,222	2.74%
Total	\$57,547	1.57%

This filing is for recovery of disposal fees pursuant to RCW 81.77.160. A copy of the letter of notification from Columbia Basin, LLC is included with the documents being filed.

The Company was notified that during the 2020 legislative session, the state legislature increased the B&O Tax from 1.5% to 1.75% effective April 1, 2020. On last year's filing, TG-200931, only the nondisposal rates were adjusted for the tax increase. With this filing, the Company has incorporated the increased tax rate within the tariff rates with a disposal component.

Records Management

Included with this filing is an Excel workbook titled [BDI-Rate Calculations Jan2022.xlsx] which is based on disposal workbook previously furnished by staff (170981-BDI-EDS Consolidated Workpapers for GRC 12-8-17\_Staff.xlsx). This workbook has rate calculations, customer counts, price-outs both current and proposed. The customer counts are from the combined filing of Basin Disposal and Ed's Disposal, TG-170981 and TG-170982, which have residential, commercial and roll-off tonnage summaries.

Revised tariff pages are included with this filing titled [BDI Tariff No 94 Revised Tariff Pages\_Jan2022.pdf]. If these rates are approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, they will become effective January 1, 2022. Affected customer will receive notice of the change on the first billing reflecting the revision to rates under WAC 480-70-271(2)(a)(iii)

The Company is requesting exemption from portions of WAC 480-07-520(4) - General rate proceedings-Solid Waste Collection Companies for this filing for recovery of disposal fees.

A copy of this letter has been sent to:

- Shon Small, Chairman of the Benton County Board of Commissioners.
- Todd L. Kimball, Chair of the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners
- Rocky Mullen, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners

Respectfully,

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cc: Darrick Dietrich, Basin Disposal, Inc.

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