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

Subject: Waste Management of Skagit County, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc.(G-237); Tariff #19

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed, please find revised pages, 2, 6, 24, 25, 27, 32, 35, 36, and 37 to the above-referenced tariff. These proposed revised tariff pages contain increased rates for residential and commercial garbage collection services. The requested rate increase is necessary in order to recover increased disposal costs at the various Island County Transfer Stations. The Island County Board of Commissioners approved the increase in disposal fees from \$147.00 to \$153.76 per ton to become effective on January 1, 2023. The increased rates, if approved by the commission, would increase Company annual revenue by approximately \$38,000, and residential and commercial garbage rates by 1.5% and 2.2%, respectively. Additionally, we completed an audit and found that we do not have the correct tax rate listed in our tariff for the Town of La Conner. I am requesting to revise the tax amount to 6% from the current 3% listed in the tariff. The effective date for these proposed tariff revisions is requested to be January 16, 2023.

Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers, which reflect the tonnage from our last general rate filing approved in TG-180752. There have been no significant changes in the operations of Waste Management of Skagit County since this prior case.

Also enclosed for your review a copy of the letter from Island County Public Works Department informing the company of the rate increase and Island County Resolution #C-74-22 which adopted and approved the increase in disposal fees. I have also attached Ordinance No. 996 which approved the change in the tax amount in La Conner. Upon approval by the Commission of this filing, affected customers will be notified of this rate increase on their next regularly scheduled billing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (503) 334-9646.

Very truly yours,

*Evan Burmester*

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Senior Financial Analyst, Pacific Northwest Market Area

cc: Rob Rutledge  
Clerk of the Board, Island County Chair