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Subject: Waste Management–South Sound and Waste Management - Seattle, divisions of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237);
Tariff # 24

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 35-38 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is twofold. First, residential, and commercial rates are being adjusted due to the increase in the King County disposal fees. Second, the revisions also reflect the change in the commodity charges to credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services.

The King County Council approved the increase in disposal fees from \$168.68 to \$150.83 per ton plus a fixed annual charge that is to be recouped as an additional \$34.45 per ton as reflected in Title 10 of the King County Solid Waste Code. The increased rates, if approved by the Commission, would approximately increase Company revenue by \$402,000, and residential and commercial garbage rates by approximately 4.4%. The effective date for both proposed tariff revisions is January 1, 2024.

As mentioned above, the tariff revisions also reflect the change in the commodity credit/charge for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. The change in the commodity credit is jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages, and materials composition since the last commodity adjustment on January 1, 2023. These tariff revisions reflect a change of the current commodity credit from \$1.02 to a charge of \$0.18 per month for residential customers in King County. Multi-family commodity credits are changing proportionately to the changes to residential customers. We are requesting that the proposed effective date of these tariff revisions be January 1, 2024.

As a reminder of context, the commodity charge filing is being submitted at the beginning of a new two-year Revenue Sharing Plans with King County for 2024 - 2025. It reflects the changes to the commodity credits due to actual prices and quantities over the past 12 months and uses this information to outline a budget for activities that are approved by the county. An adjustment will be required mid-way through this plan to adjust for a new commodity credit/charge. 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/charges 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 and other filing documents. Additionally, I am also including with this filing an LSN related to RCW 81.28.050 the notification of customers and tariff changes. We are requested to follow procedures outlined in WAC 480-70-271 (2)(a) and notify customers on their first invoice after the disposal changes have been approved.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (503) 956-8594.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Evan Burmester'.

Evan Burmester
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cc: Joseph Pellecchia & Jason Shea, Waste Management
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