



Kathy Hunter, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

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Dear Kathy Hunter,

We are submitting this transmittal letter and a request for a disposal-only rate increase for Nooksack Valley Disposal Inc., permit G-166. Enclosed please find revised tariff pages, the notice from the third-party disposal site, and work papers. This is an adjustment to Solid Waste Tariff Number 4, with a listed Effective Date of January 23, 2024.

Recycling and Disposal Services, Inc. has given us notice that they will be increasing our disposal fees by 4.9 percent, to a new rate of \$134.57 per ton, beginning January 1, 2024. The requested increase affects all residential and commercial garbage service rates related to disposal. If approved by the Commission as filed, these requested rates would result increase company revenues by \$27,951, and residential and commercial rates would go up by an average of 2.2 percent.

We are requesting an exemption for this submittal from the requirement to file work papers for a general rate proceeding as outlined in WAC 480-07-520(4), so that the tariff rates may be adjusted for the disposal fee increase only.

We have included an LSN form in regards to the customer notice requirements and to have the rates become effective January 1, 2024. We are requesting that, in accordance with WAC 480-70-271(2), affected customers be notified on their next regularly scheduled billing after Commission approval and that the rates are allowed to be in effect in less than 45 days.

The contact person for this submittal is:

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Sincerely,

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