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Melanie Case
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RE: Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-240126

Dear Melanie Case:

Thank you for filing Lewis County’s 2023 – 2028 Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous West Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Lewis County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous West Management Plan Update (Plan).

There is an impact to customers in unincorporated areas because these customers fall under solid waste carriers, Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a City Sanitary Co., Joe’s Refuse, and White Pass Garbage (G-98) that are regulated by the Commission.

The 2023-2028 Plan proposes to increase tip fees in 2024 by 10 percent and for years 2025-2028 by approximately 2.7 percent each year to keep up with inflation. As a result, there will be a minimal rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Lewis County. The County recently expanded recycling to include East Lewis County.

Projected Disposal Fees	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$113.00	\$116.00	\$119.00	\$122.00
Per Ton Increase		\$10.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Percentage Increase		10%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%

Projected Rate Increases	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Residential						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service		\$0.74	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.22
Commercial						
One Yard Per Pick Up		\$3.79	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14

Staff has no further comment on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Jeanine Leggett at (360) 664-1230.

Sincerely,

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