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Todd O’Brien
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RE: Adams County Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, For Years 2025-2030, Docket TG-240642

Dear Todd O’Brien:

Thank you for filing Adams County’s 2025 – 2030 Comprehensive Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Adams County Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan).

The 2025-2030 Plan proposes to increase tip fees in 2025 by 19.5 percent and for years 2026-2030 no percent increase each year. This lack of increase over the remaining years is due to having cut hauling costs in half. This happened because in April of 2024, Adams County began hauling to the Adams County Regional landfill instead of the Waste Management Facility located in Arlington, OR. As a result, there will be a large increase in the first year and no additional rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Adams County in the following years.

Projected Disposal Fees	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$95.24	\$95.24	\$95.24	\$95.24	\$95.24	\$95.24
Per Ton Increase	\$15.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Percentage Increase	19.05%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Projected Rate Increases	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential						
Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$1.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Commercial						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$5.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Plan speaks to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. However, the County has not requested such a rate in the Plan. Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for such a rate and believe it may be worth the County to consider requesting discounted rates. We understand that it may not happen in the current Plan, but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission 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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