

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-130501
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	(consolidated)
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Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER 04
v.	)	
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MURREY’S DISPOSAL COMPANY,	)	
INC., G-9,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET TG-130502
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	(consolidated)
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER 04
v.	)	
	)	
AMERICAN DISPOSAL COMPANY,	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND
INC., G-87,	)	AMENDING ORDER 03
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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**MEMORANDUM**

1 On October 3, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approved a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) between the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff)<sup>1</sup> and Murrey’s Disposal Company, Inc. (Murrey’s), and American Disposal Company, Inc. (collectively with Murrey’s, the

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<sup>1</sup> In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission’s regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. See RCW 34.05.455.

Companies).<sup>2</sup> Among other things,<sup>3</sup> the Settlement provided for a total revenue increase of \$1,043,966. The additional revenue would be collected from increased rates for residential yard waste and recycling services. The settling parties proposed that the rates become effective on the first day of the month following the Commission's approval of the Settlement. In Order 03, the Commission approved the Settlement, making the rates effective November 1, 2013.

- 2 On October 7, 2013, the Companies filed a Motion to Modify Final Order 03 (Motion). The Motion seeks authority for the Companies to implement the rate increases effective October 16, 2013. It states that the earlier effective date will "allow [the Companies] to recoup approximately \$41,391.00 additional revenues which proportionately mitigates additional revenue need and similarly incrementally reduces occasion for a successive general rate filing increase."<sup>4</sup> In support of the Motion, the Companies also provided the Declaration of Irmgard R. Wilcox, Senior Pricing Analyst for the Companies. Ms. Wilcox describes the processes by which the Companies would "accurately and comprehensively" bill customers using the currently effective rates through October 15 and the revised rates for the rest of the month.<sup>5</sup> The Motion states that Staff is not opposed to the Companies' request.
- 3 We determine that it is in the public interest to modify Order 03 as the Companies request. We find that the Companies' Motion should be granted, and Order 03 should be amended as requested.

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<sup>2</sup> *Washington Utilities & Transp. Comm'n v. Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc.*, G-9, Docket TG-130501, and *Washington Utilities & Transp. Comm'n v. American Disposal Company, Inc.*, G-87, Docket TG-130502, Order 03: Final Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement, (October 3, 2013).

<sup>3</sup> The Settlement contained additional provisions, including a proposal to amortize expenses from the sale of assets and prior year's insurance claims. As the Companies have only requested modification of the rate increase effective date, we will not discuss these other provisions at length.

<sup>4</sup> Motion ¶ 7.

<sup>5</sup> Declaration of Irmgard R. Wilcox ¶ 4. *See also* Motion ¶ 5. Some of the Companies' services are billed as they are performed, so these services will be billed using the tariffed rates effective at the time of service.<sup>5</sup> Customers utilizing services that are billed on a monthly basis will be issued a prorated credit for the first half of the month.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 4 (1) The Companies' Motion to Modify Order 03 is granted.
- 5 (2) Order 03 is amended to make the approved rates effective on October 16, 2013.
- 6 (3) The Commission Secretary is authorized to accept by letter, with copies to all parties to this proceeding, a tariff filing that complies with the requirements of this Order.
- 7 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this, and all prior orders, in this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 9, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner