

October 11, 2006

Mr. Tom McCabe, Project Manager
City of Port Angeles
Public Works & Utilities Dept.
321 East Fifth Street, PO Box 1150
Port Angeles, WA 98362-0217

RE: Clallam County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Docket TG-061397.

Dear Mr. McCabe:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) has completed its review of the preliminary draft of the Clallam County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan).

Commission staff's analysis of the Cost Assessment portion of the plan shows minimal financial impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in Clallam County. The Plan calls for tip fee increases from \$80 per ton in 2007 to \$92 per ton in 2009. Residential customers would see an increase of approximately \$.36 per month and commercial customers would see an increase per yard of \$1.82 based on the projected tip fee increases through 2009.

Please see the attached commission staff comments for consideration. We hope that you find our review and suggestions helpful. Please direct questions or comments about the commission's plan review process to Ms. Penny Hansen at (360) 664-1242 or by email at phansen@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary

Attachment

cc: Tami Ramsey, Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office
Cullen Stephenson, Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program Manager

Attachment: Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, Docket TG-061397

Commission staff comments for consideration:

- In general, the plan describes solid waste collection companies as “franchise or franchised.” The commission issues Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. Please change all references from “franchise” to “certificate” or “certificated” as it relates to regulated haulers.
 - Page 4-1, Section 4.2.1; please change the word “franchised” to “certificated” to collect waste in the unincorporated areas of the County.
 - Page 4-3, Murrey’s Olympia Disposal section; please change “franchised” to “certificated” or “certificate.”
 - Page 4-4, West Waste; please change “franchise” to “certificate.”
 - Page 4-4, Section 4.2.1.3; please change “franchised” to “certificated.”
- The attached tariff pages show the current rates for weekly and monthly service for both residential and commercial customers for Murrey’s Disposal Company, Inc., and West Waste & Recycling, Inc. The rates in the Plan’s Appendix are outdated.