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Meg Morehead  
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201 S. Jackson Street  
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**RE: King County Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Cost Assessment  
Questionnaire, TG-180044**

Dear Ms. Morehead:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of the cost assessment questionnaire for the draft of the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan), submitted January 9, 2018.

The cost assessment questionnaire in the Plan proposes three tip fee increases at all King County transfer stations during the 2017 – 2022 Plan period. The tip fee increase in 2017 has already been in effect for over a year, while the other two tip fee increases are projected to take effect in 2019 and 2022. As a result, there will be a rate impact to ratepayers served by regulated solid waste collection companies in King County in years 2019 and 2022. This is illustrated in the table shown on the following page.

	<i>2017*</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>All King County Transfer Stations – Projected Disposal Fees</b>							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$134.59	\$134.59	\$141.66	\$141.66	\$141.66	\$147.33	
Per Ton Increase	\$14.42	\$0.00	\$7.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.67	\$27.16
<b>Projected Rate Increases</b>							
<i>Residential</i>							
Monthly rate increase for one 32-gallon can per week service	\$1.06	\$0.00	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.42	\$2.00
<i>Commercial</i>							
Monthly rate increase for one-yard per pick up service	\$5.47	\$0.00	\$2.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.15	\$10.30

*\*The 2017 tip fee has been in place since January 1, 2017, therefore customers have already experienced the rate effect of this tip fee increase.*

Staff has no further comment on the cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Greg Hammond at (360) 664-1278, or by email at [greg.hammond@utc.wa.gov](mailto:greg.hammond@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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 Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Vicki Colgan, Department of Ecology, Regional Planner