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Subject: Waste Management of Spokane, Valley Garbage Service Co., divisions of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237); Tariff # 18

Enclosed are revised pages 2 and 22 to the above-referenced tariff. The purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the addition of the prior temporary recycling processing surcharge into the permanent recycling service rate.

China's "National Sword" policy, has significantly impacted our cost to process recyclables. This impact has previously required us to request temporary processing cost surcharges as we were uncertain of the duration and magnitude of how this policy would impact or operations at our three affiliated material recovery facilities (MRF) in Washington. After more than a year operating under this significant change in our operations, we now believe costs have relatively stabilized. Therefore, we are requesting that the additional cost to process recyclables which we previously reflected as a surcharge in our tariff be permanently added to our residential recycling service rate. Accordingly, we are requesting that the monthly recycling service rate be increased from \$8.15 to \$8.80 per month per customer. We are requesting that this new rate become effective on May 1, 2019.

Please note that our filing includes certain documents that contain valuable commercial information and is therefore being submitted in accordance with the procedures established in WAC 480-07-160. It is presented in two separate submittals to the web portal, both of which clearly identify electronic versions of confidential and redacted documents. One includes electronic versions of work papers containing confidential materials (in PDF and excel), with the first page of the file, and each page that contains confidential information marked appropriately. The second, separate web portal filing contains all nonconfidential materials in PDF, consisting of the transmittal letter, the revised tariff, and redacted work papers.

Customers will be advised of the change in their recycling service rate and the removal of the temporary recycling processing surcharge on their first invoice after the commission's approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at:

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Respectfully,

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