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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN POLICY RELATED TO SOLID WASTE COMPANY TARIFF FILINGS

RE: Required Notice to Customers and the Commission for Any Tariff Change

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-70-266 currently requires solid waste collection companies regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to provide 45 days' notice to the Commission of any proposed tariff revisions that would increase customer rates. WAC 480-70-271, however, requires only 30 days' notice to customers for such filings. Commission rules also require one day or seven days' notice to the Commission and the public for certain other filings described in WAC 480-70-261 and WAC 480-70-262, respectively.

It has come to our attention that the Commission's notice rules for solid waste collection companies are both in conflict with and superseded by RCW 81.28.050, which requires solid waste collection carriers to provide 45 days' notice **of any tariff change** to both the Commission and the public. After reviewing the statute and the rules cited above, the Commission concludes that all solid waste collection company tariff filings that propose any change to customer rates, including rate decreases or pass-through charges, must be filed with 45 days' notice to the Commission and to customers. Exemptions will only be granted upon a showing of "good cause."

Consequently, solid waste collection companies regulated by the Commission are hereby notified that, **beginning May 1, 2020, all tariff revisions that propose any change to a rate or rates must be filed with the Commission and noticed to customers at least 45 days prior to the stated effective date.**

Questions regarding the change in customer notice requirements may be addressed to Mike Young by e-mail at mike.young@utc.wa.gov, or by calling (360) 664-1155.

Sincerely,

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary