Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Alaska Waste – Ketchikan, LLC (AWK) filed tariff revision TA46-656, a revenue requirement study based on a 2018 test year. With this filing, AWK is seeking an across-the-board permanent rate increase of 4.25 percent, effective February 28, 2020. AWK is proposing no interim rate changes. In the event the Commission suspends this filing for further investigation, AWK requests that the new rates be effective at the conclusion of the rate case. In addition, AWK proposes the following changes to its tariff:

- Remove President's Day and the day after Thanksgiving Day as holidays observed by the utility;
- Change the due date for standard can and commercial service from the invoice date to within fifteen days of the invoice date;
- Reduce the period after a bill when the utility will send written notice of termination of service to a delinquent customer from forty (40) to twenty-five (25) days;
- Reduce the period after mailing the notice of termination when the utility will discontinue service to a delinquent customer from fifteen (15) to ten (10) days;
- Amend the disposal surcharge methodology to discontinue the use of a balancing account; and
- Reduce the disposal surcharge to \$0.00 when the permanent rates are approved.

The effects of the proposed changes to selected rates and fees are shown in the table below:

<u>Service</u>	Current	Proposed
Residential Can		
1 Can per Pickup	\$22.00	\$22.94
2 Cans per Pickup	\$24.19	\$25.22
3 Cans per Pickup	\$26.38	\$27.50
4 Cans per Pickup	\$28.58	\$29.79
Charge per Additional Can	\$5.08	\$5.30
Unscheduled Additional Can	\$7.50	\$7.82
Commercial Dumpster		
Area-Wide Fee Not Paid – Per Can	\$5.14	\$5.36
Area-Wide Fee Not Paid – Per Cubic Yard	\$36.02	\$37.55
Area-Wide Fee Paid – Per Can	\$2.50	\$2.61
Area-Wide Fee Paid – Per Cubit Yard	\$17.47	\$18.21

AWK filed a request for waiver of the requirements of 3 AAC 48.275(a)(8), 3 AAC 48.275(a)(9), 3 AAC 48.275(a)(11), 3 AAC 48.275(a)(12), and 3 AAC 48.275(a)(13), requiring pro forma schedules of provision for income taxes, computation of rate base using a 13-month average, cash working capital, computation of cost of capital, and a schedule of long-term debt, respectively.

This notice may not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Heather Garland, Pricing Manager for AWK, at 501 SE

Columbia Shores Blvd. Suite 350, Vancouver, WA 98661; phone: (360) 695-4923. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at http://rca.alaska.gov by typing "TA46-656" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., January 23, 2020, at the Commission's address given above or via our website at:

https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx

Please reference TA46-656 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with AWK at its address given above. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or 1-800-770-8973 or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by January 16, 2020.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 30th day of December, 2019.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

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