

In the Matter of a Proposal by Waste)
Connections of Oregon, Inc., dba Hudson)
Garbage Service, to Add Curbside Recycling) Order No. 34-2012
Services for Customers in the Unincorporated)
Franchise Areas Around the City of Rainier)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section IV(b)(2) of the Collection Franchise Agreement, the Franchisee may amend the level of services from time to time as requested by the County or as requested by the Franchisee and approved by the County; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on May 31, 2012, the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of Franchisee's proposal for the rural Rainier service area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners may establish rates for new or expanded recycling services after holding a hearing; and

WHEREAS, following published notice, the Board of County Commissioners held a joint hearing with the City of Rainier City Council on the proposed recycling services on July 9, 2012 at Rainier City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners continued their hearing to July 11, 2012, at the Columbia County Courthouse. At the close of the hearing, the Board deliberated and voted to approve the proposed recycling services and rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners makes the following findings:
 - A. The proposed rates for curbside recycling are not demonstrably unreasonable and are not substantially higher than those charged generally in the County under similar service requirements and for the same or similar quality of service; and
 - B. The proposed rates are just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient to provide

proper service to the public.

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2. The curbside recycling proposal and rate request, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, is approved.
3. The proposed rates shall be effective when the added services are provided.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

Hudson Garbage Service Summary of Proposed Curbside Recycling Service City of Rainier Oregon Unincorporated Columbia County "Rainier Area"

Featured Services:

- Every Other Week Collection Service at Curb
- 1 95-Gallon Wheeled Cart Provided to All Eligible Customers
- Eligible Customers
 - Must Subscribe to Trash Service at On-Call or Higher Level
 - Business customers included but may opt for different container quantities or other sizes to meet their needs at additional cost.
- Current Menu of Accepted Recyclables
 - Paper, including Cardboard, Newspaper, Mixed Waste Paper
 - Tin and Aluminum
 - Plastic bottles with "necks," and tubs (eg butter)
- Excluded Items
 - Glass. Existing depot sites will remain.
 - Food Waste
 - Grass and Yard Clippings

Pricing Guidelines and Requirements:

- \$3.80 per month per household or business (with 95 gallon cart Every Other Week)
- Must be adopted by both the City of Rainier and Columbia County Commissioners
- Payment for Service is mandatory for all eligible customers. No "opt outs"
- Participation is highly encouraged but not required (no "bans")
- The \$3.80 will be "blended" into a combined bill, rather than remaining as a separate line item on the billing.

Program Roll-out (Preliminary)

- Commission/Council Approval in June
- Carts ordered immediately following approval
- Rates Effective July 1
- Paragraph on billing statement, announcing new program and time line
- Carts arrive in September
- Cart delivery during September with informational packet
- Calendars and Program information mailed in September
- Service Begins October 1
- Possible delay until November 1, depending on cart logistics.