

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE
UNITED STATES**

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:)	Docket No. 650
)	Order No. <u>50</u>/2016
APPLICATION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES)	
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's (hereinafter "Authority" or "WMA") submitted an Application for Solid Waste Tipping Fees to the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "PSC" or "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, WMA's Application requested that the Commission approve fees to be levied against solid waste collection haulers and other customers disposing of certain quantities and types of waste at the Territory's waste processing and disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, the Commission held a Special Meeting in both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands and appointed both Attorney Lorin M. Kleeger as Hearing Examiner and Mr. Avery Williams, as Technical Consultant; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2016, Hearing Examiner Lorin Kleeger issued a Notice Inviting Public Comment and setting forth a schedule of public hearings on the proposed tipping fees; and

WHEREAS, hearings were held on each of the three major islands on February 16 through 18, 2016, and both members of the public, WMA and PSC staff provided testimony and comments; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016, the Commission held a Special Meeting in both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, at a duly notice meeting of the Public Services Commission, the hearing examiner presented his report, and WMA's and the Commission's staff provided testimony before the Commission; and



NOW THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:

1. The Commission accepts the report and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner, including the requested rates therein:
 - a. Municipal Solid Waste (Household/Businesses) \$52.13
 - b. Construction & Demolition \$65.26
 - c. Green Waste (trees, leaves, grass, etc.) \$52.13
 - d. Fill Waste (sand, soil, spoils, sludge) \$31.28
 - e. Scrap Metal (autos, appliances, etc.) \$39.15
 - f. Mixed Waste \$65.26

2. The tipping fees shall be implemented no later than August 1, 2016, providing an opportunity for public education and commercial entities to incorporate the new fees.

So Ordered.

For Commission



Johann A. Clendenin, Chair

Dated: April 20, 2016