



Cause of Change Graphs

2026 Fee Rates

In response to producer requests for details about annual changes to material fee rates, graphs have been developed to illustrate the factors driving changes from 2025 to 2026.

In each graph, the 2025 rate is the first bar on the left and the 2026 rate is the last bar on the right. The bars in between indicate if a rate increases or decreases due to that factor and notes the change in cents/kg.

Descriptions of the factors for the program are detailed in the glossary table on the next page. Graphs are presented in the same order as the material categories in the fee schedule presented in the Report to Producers.

Glossary

Factor	Description
2025 Fee Rate	Chart begins with the published fee rate for the current year.
Removal of Rounding	Change to fee rate when the current year rounding is removed.
Gross Cost (Step 1)	Changes in the program's cost to collect, manage, market and oversee these recycling system activities, maintaining the current year's relative share of supply and collected quantities. Only the gross cost value is updated.
Commodity Revenue (Step 2)	Changes in the program's revenue earned from the sale of materials to recycling end markets, maintaining the current year's relative share of managed quantities. Only the total program commodity revenue is updated.
Program Management (Step 3)	Changes to the program management budget (staff, CM services, office lease, etc.), maintaining the current year's relative share of PM cost and by updating the PM cost budget only.
Material Market Development (Step 4)	Investments needed to improve the materials' recovery performance.
Surplus Drawdown/ Accumulation	Reduction in the fee rate caused by utilization of reserves to finance a portion of the program budget. Or increase in the fee rate caused by accumulation of reserves for the program.
Steward Count	Relative share of program management costs for this material based on the change to the count of stewards supplying material in this category.
Supplied Tonnes	The impact on fees caused by an increase or decrease in material's relative share of supply quantities when considering both the change in this material's supply quantity and all other materials.
Recovery Rate	The impact on fees caused by an increase or decrease in material's relative share of managed/collected quantities.
Material Cost Index	Update to the Material Cost Index (MCI) value for calculating each material's relative share of supply and collected/managed quantities.
Commodity Revenue/Tonne	Update to the material's commodity price per tonne and the resultant impact on each material's relative share of the program's total commodity revenue.
Rounding	Rounding of fee rates to zero decimal places.
2026 Fee Rate	This is the final fee rate for the upcoming year considering all causes of change.



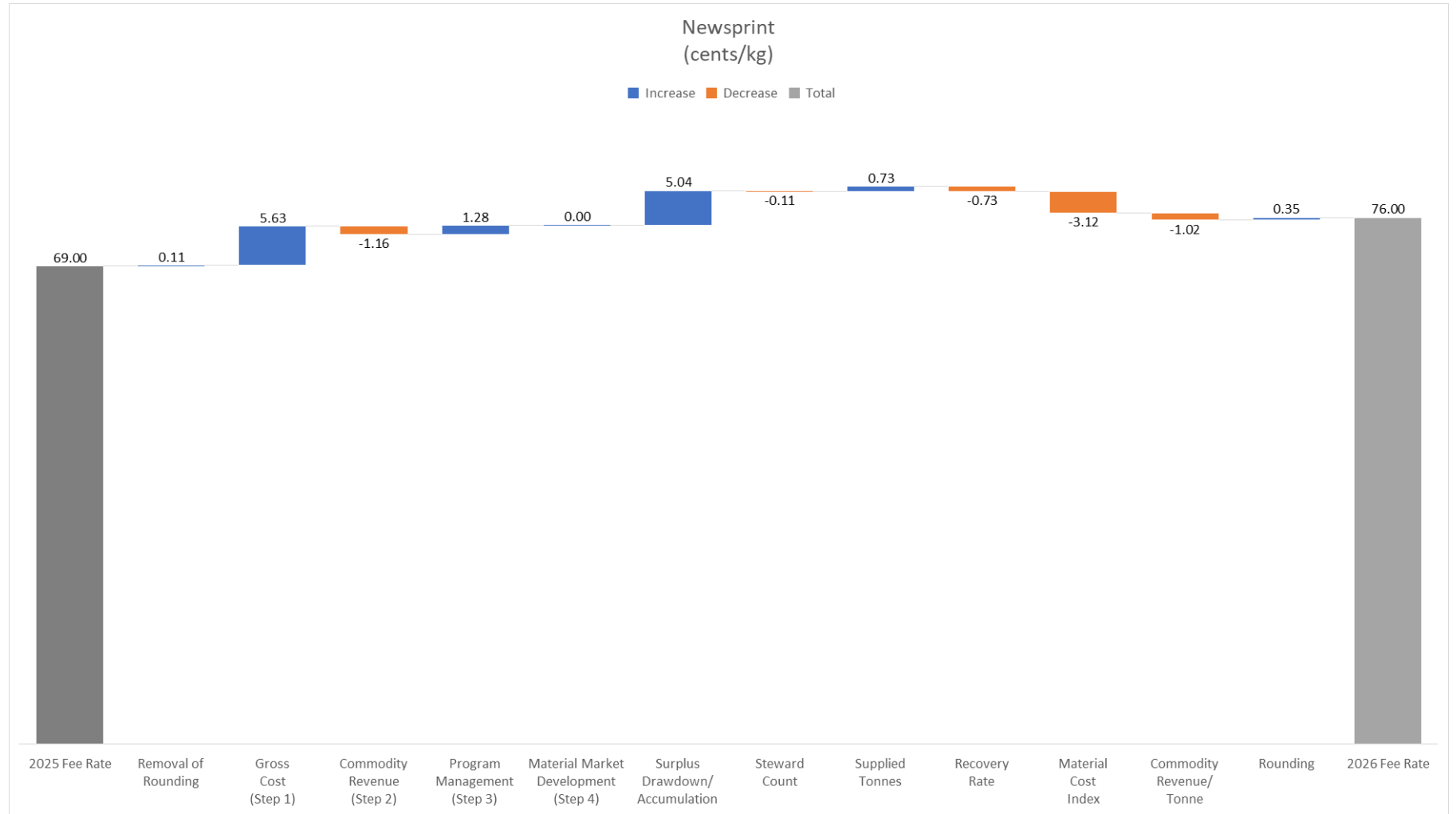
Recycle BC

RECYCLE BC FEE SCHEDULE (CENTS/KG)				
CATEGORY	MATERIALS	2026 FEE RATES (cents/ kg)	2025 FEE RATES (cents/ kg)	VARIANCE %
PRINTED PAPER	Newsprint	76.00	69.00	10.1%
	Magazines, Catalogues & Telephone books **	29.00	28.00	3.6%
	Other Printed Paper	80.00	72.00	11.1%
PAPER PACKAGING	Corrugated Cardboard	60.00	53.00	13.2%
	Kraft Paper *	77.00	53.00	45.3%
	Boxboard	37.00	31.00	19.4%
	Gable Top Cartons	80.00	69.00	15.9%
	Paper Laminates	77.00	62.00	24.2%
	Aseptic Containers	91.00	83.00	9.6%
PLASTICS	PET Bottles	97.00	98.00	-1.0%
	PET Thermoforms *	134.00	98.00	36.7%
	HDPE Bottles	47.00	40.00	17.5%
	Plastic Film	184.00	146.00	26.0%
	Plastic Laminates	184.00	146.00	26.0%
	Expanded Polystyrene	407.00	310.00	31.3%
	Rigid Polystyrene	151.00	125.00	20.8%
	Other Plastics	101.00	86.00	17.4%
STEEL	Other Steel Packaging including Paint cans **	68.00	62.00	9.7%
	Steel Aerosols	48.00	42.00	14.3%
ALUMINUM	Aluminum Food & Other Containers	48.00	59.00	-18.6%
	Other Aluminum Packaging	70.00	67.00	4.5%
GLASS	Clear Glass	58.00	48.00	20.8%
	Coloured Glass	58.00	48.00	20.8%

* Kraft Paper and PET thermoforms have been disaggregated from Corrugated Cardboard and PET Bottles respectively.

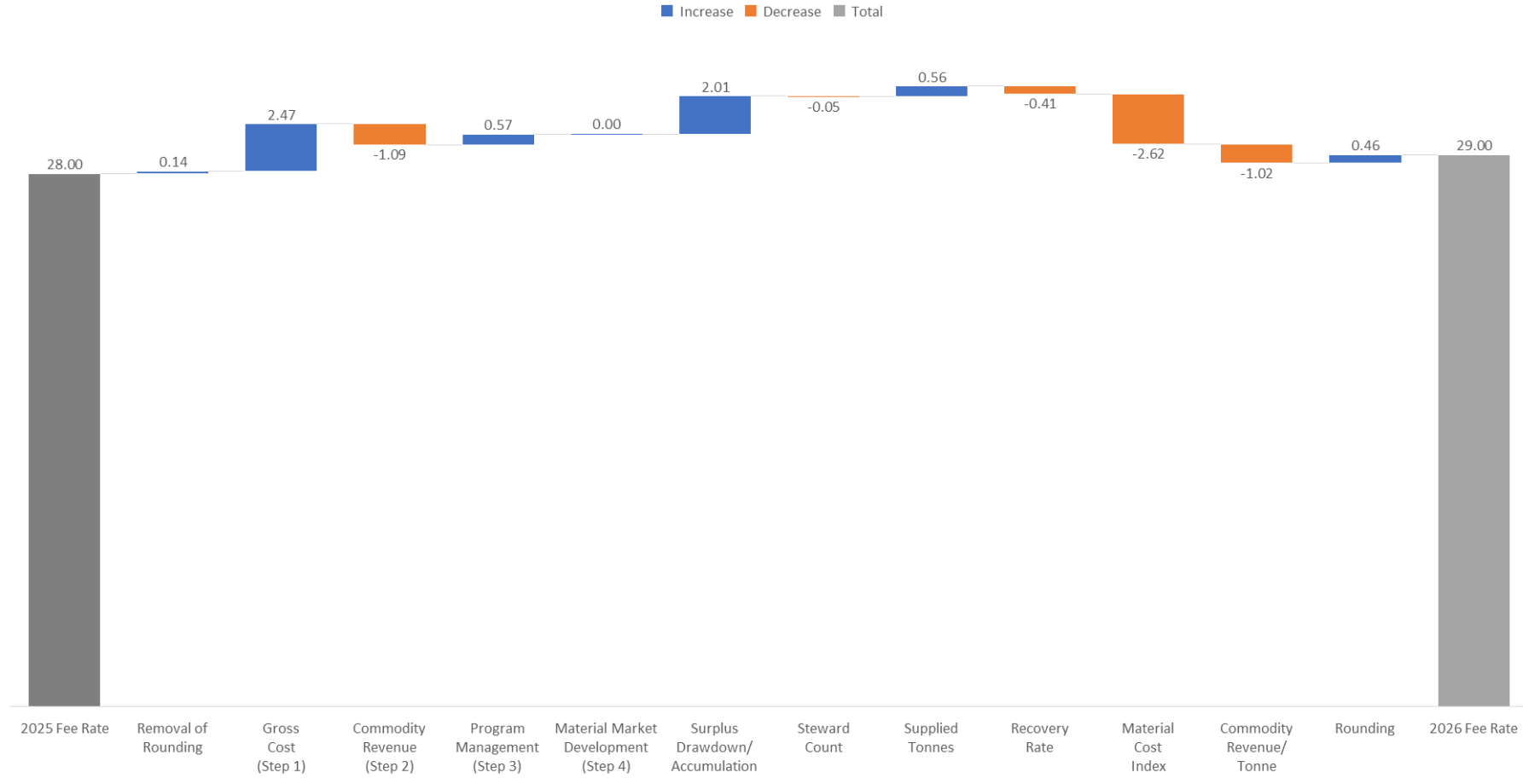
** Telephone books and Steel Paint Cans have been rolled up in Magazines and Catalogues and Other Steel Packaging respectively.

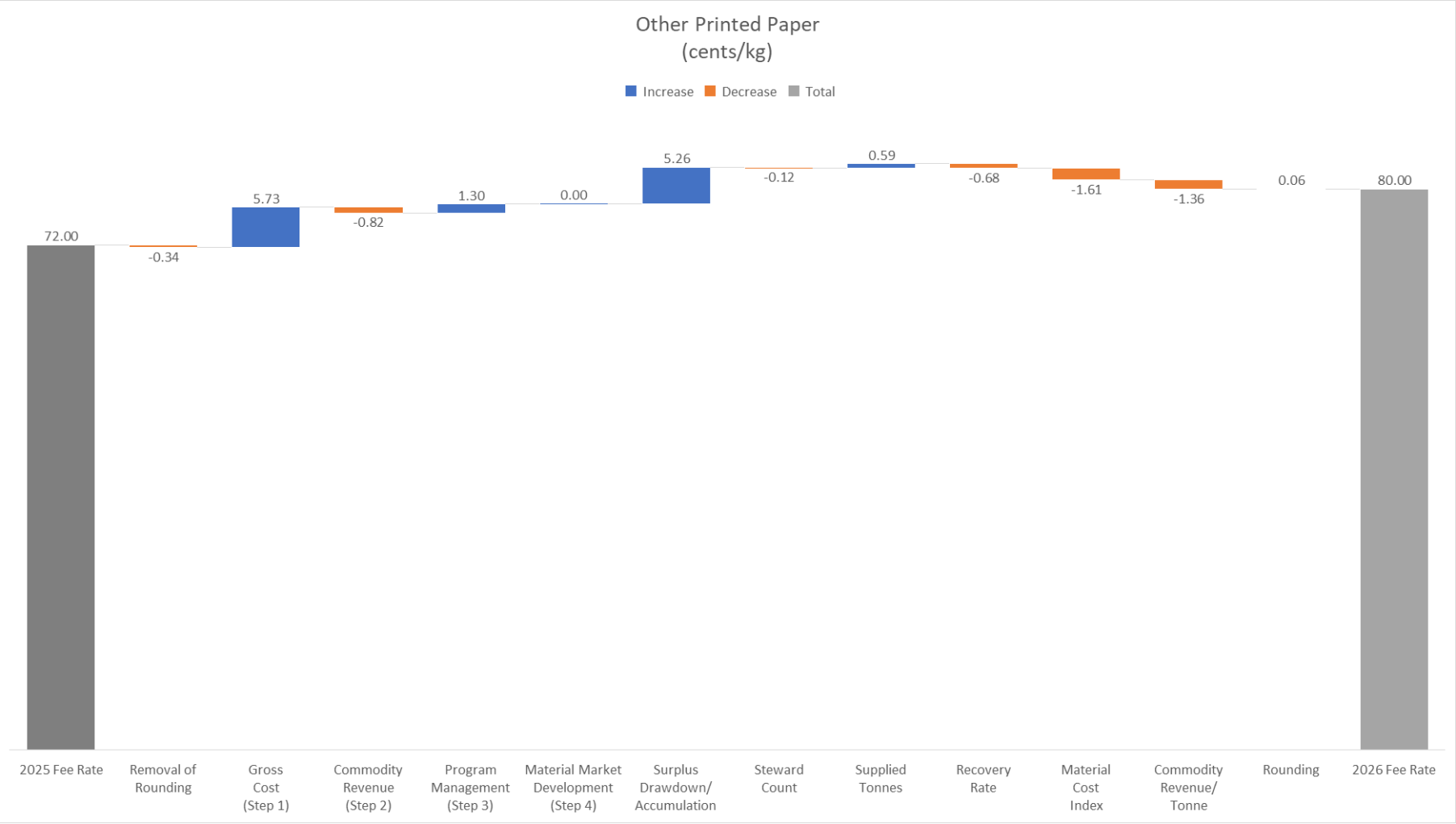
2026 vs. 2025

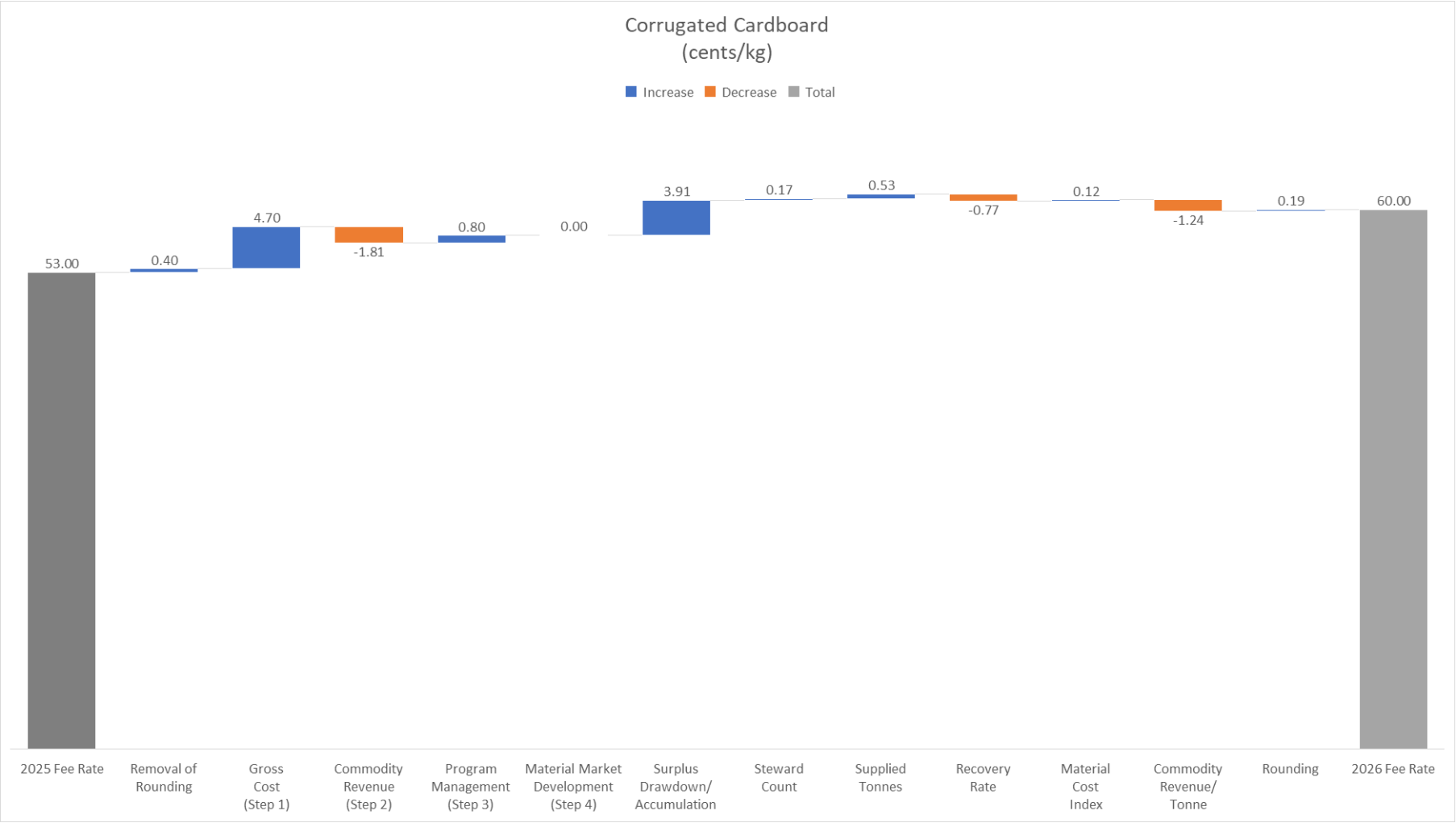


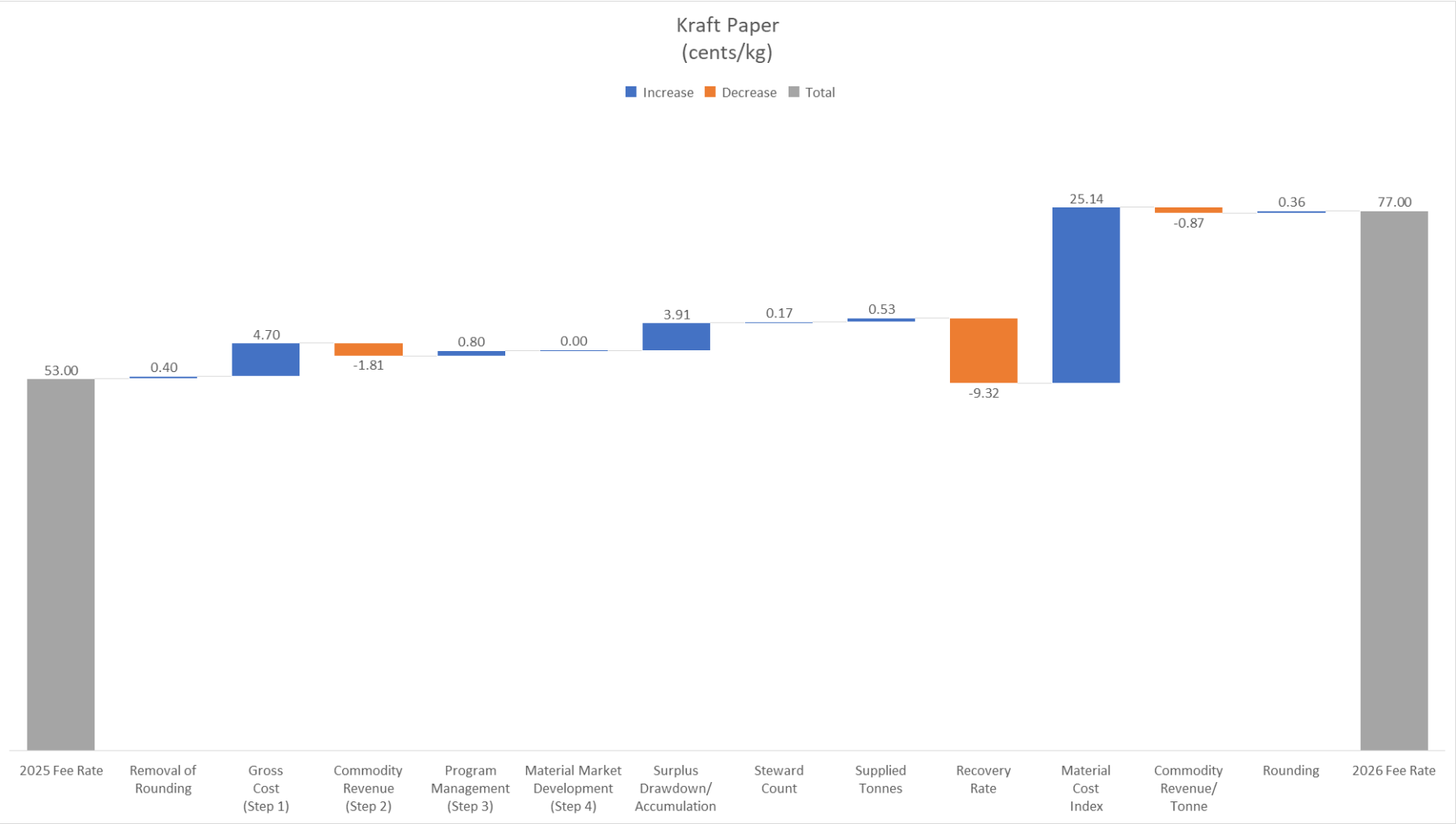
Magazines, Catalogues and Telephone Books
(cents/kg)

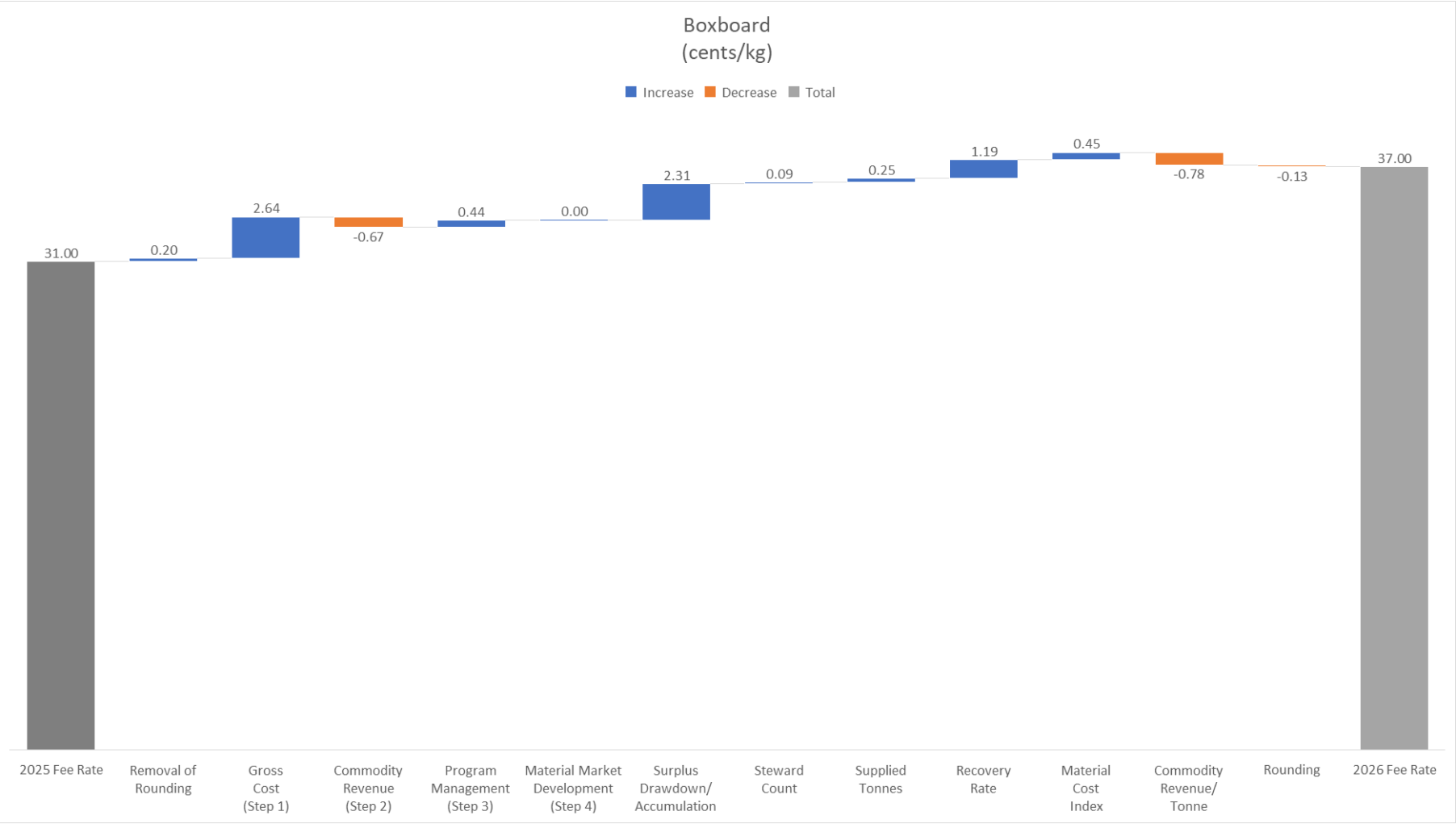
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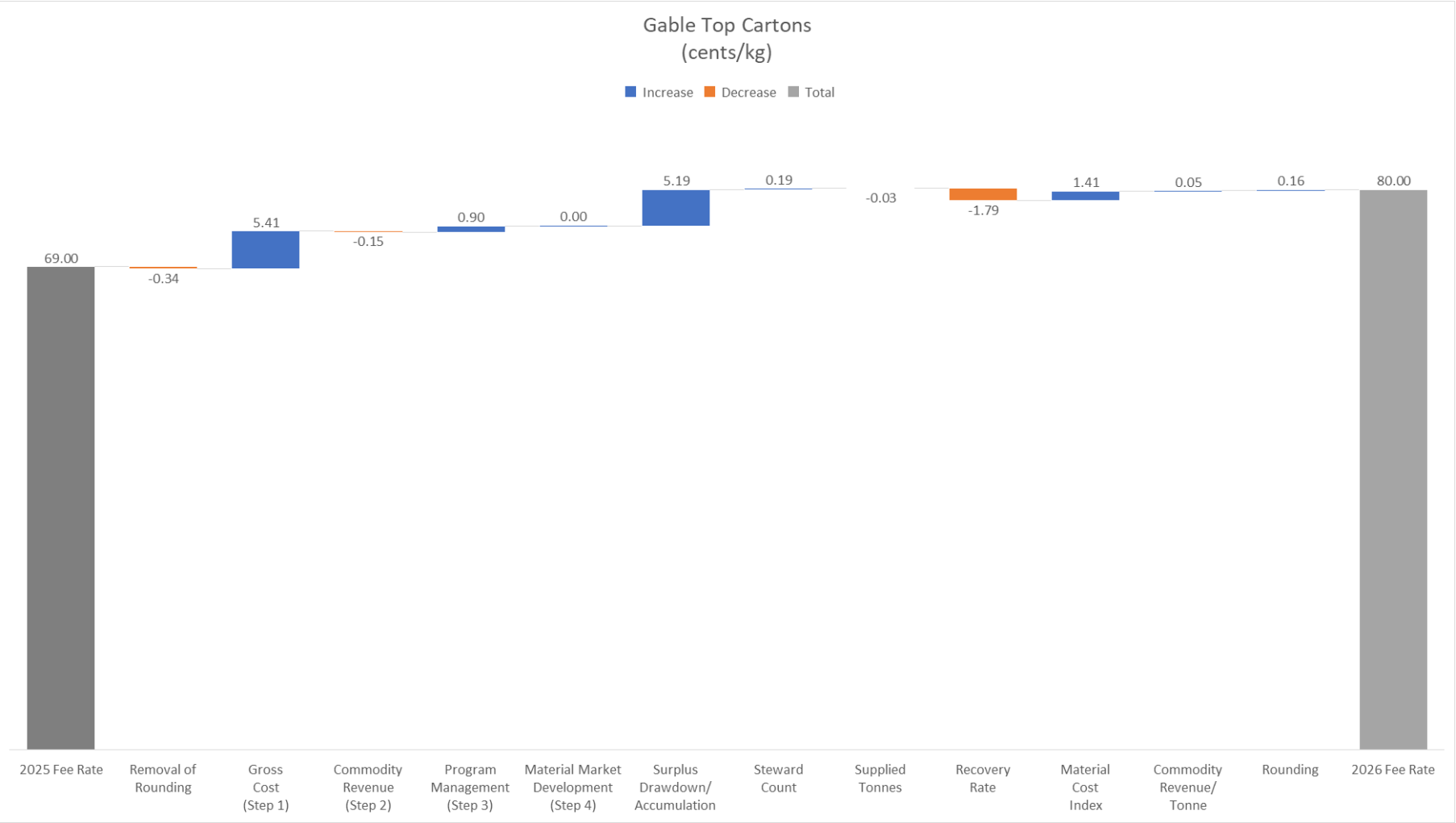


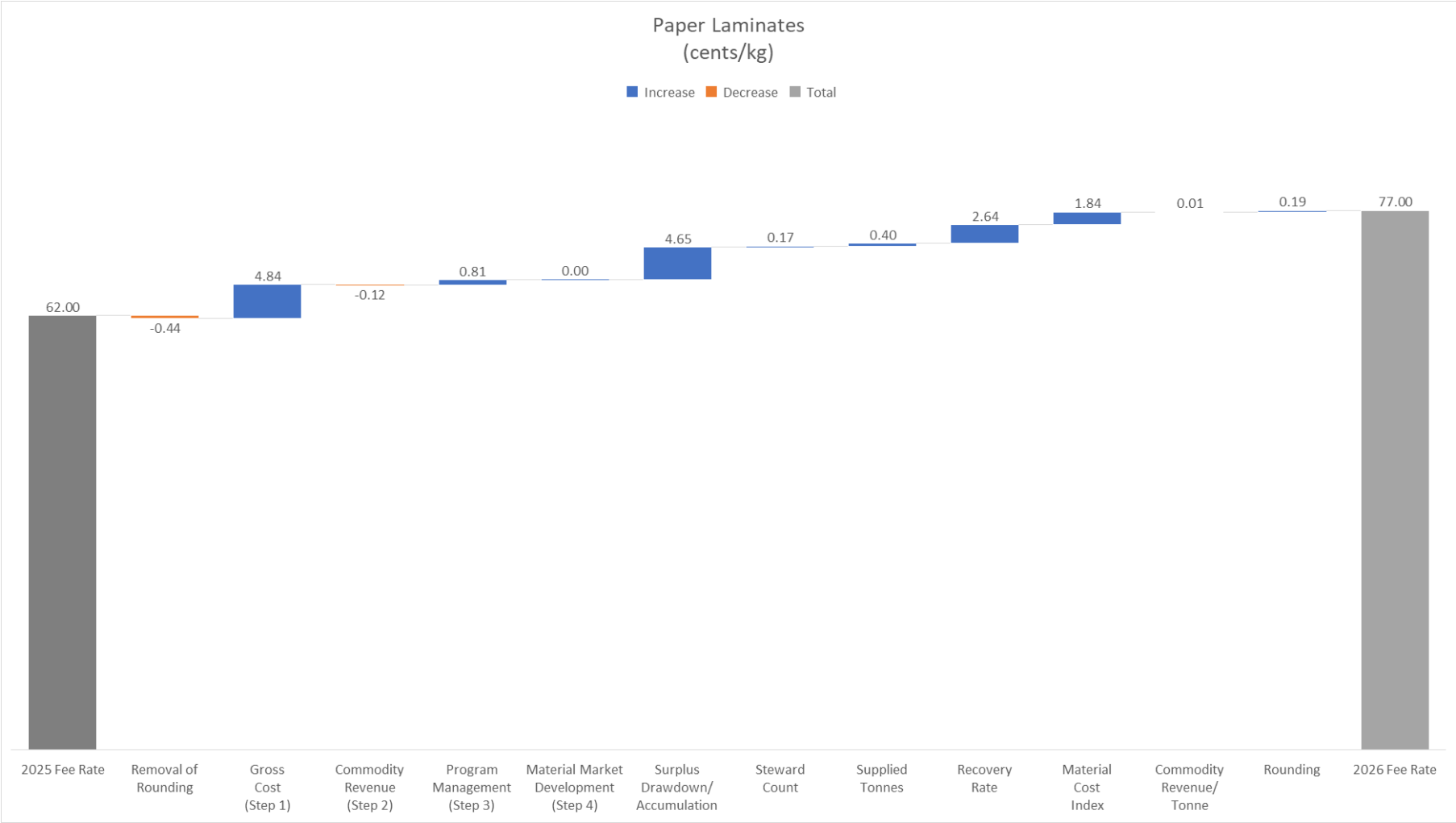


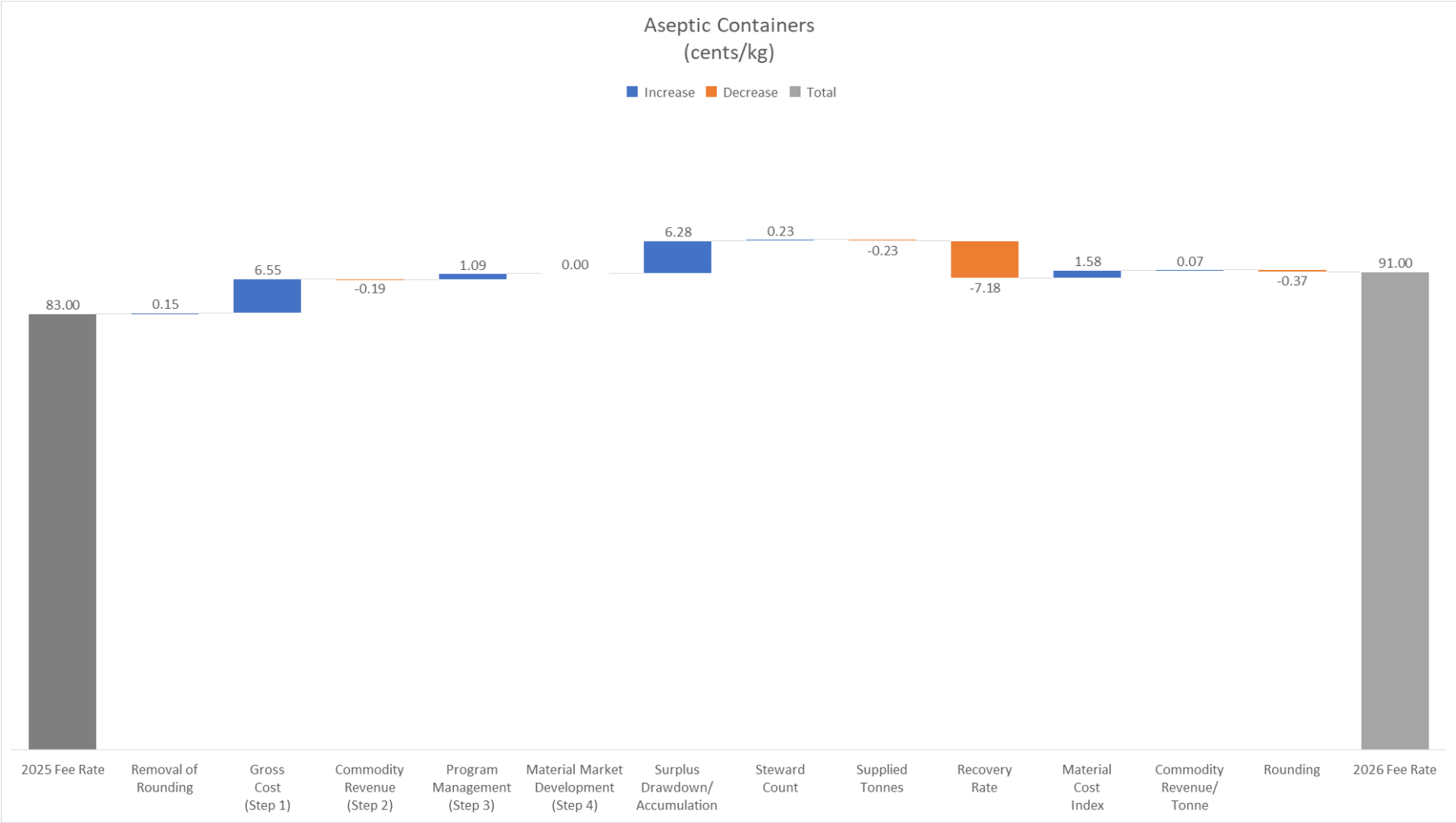


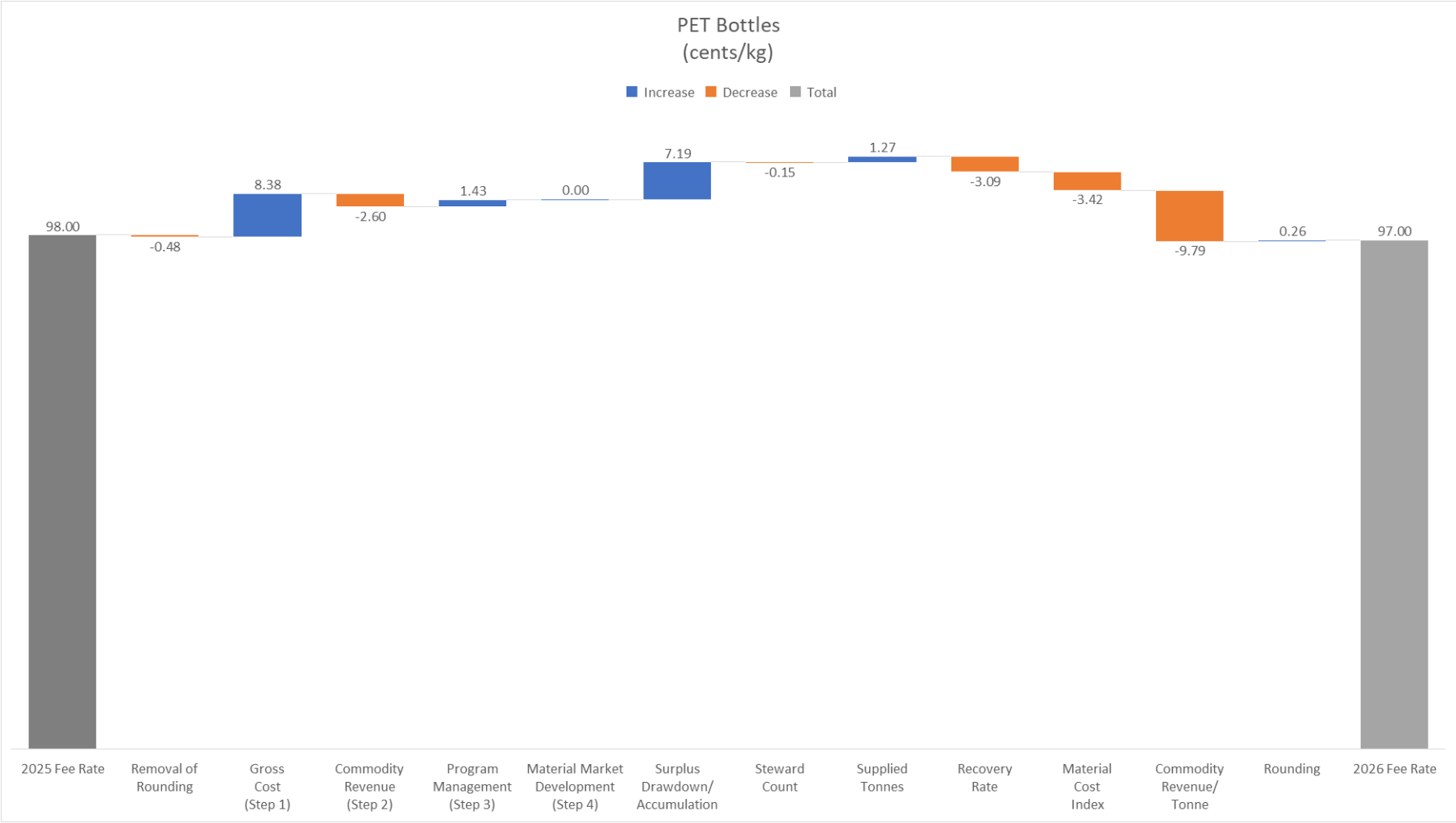






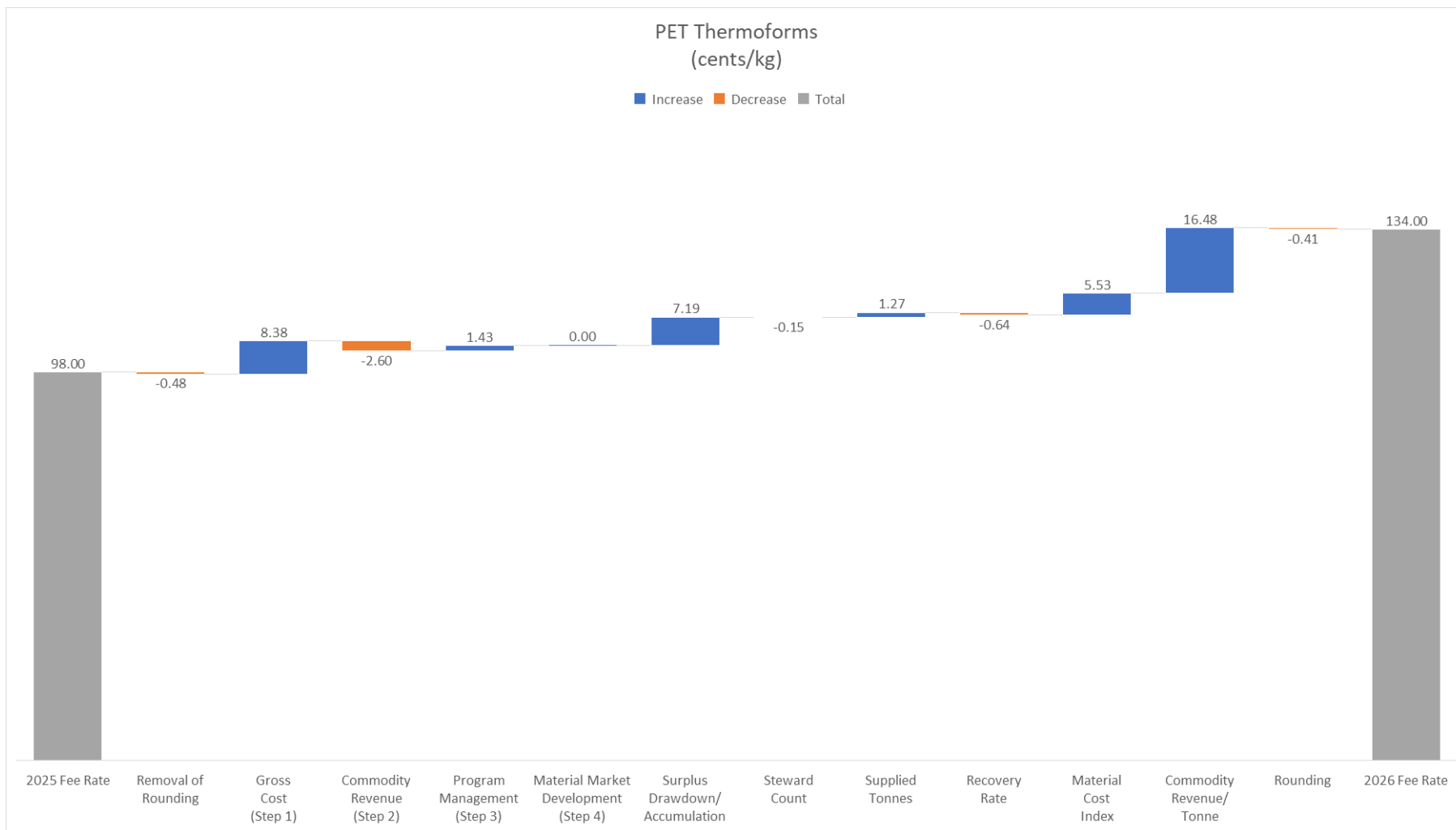


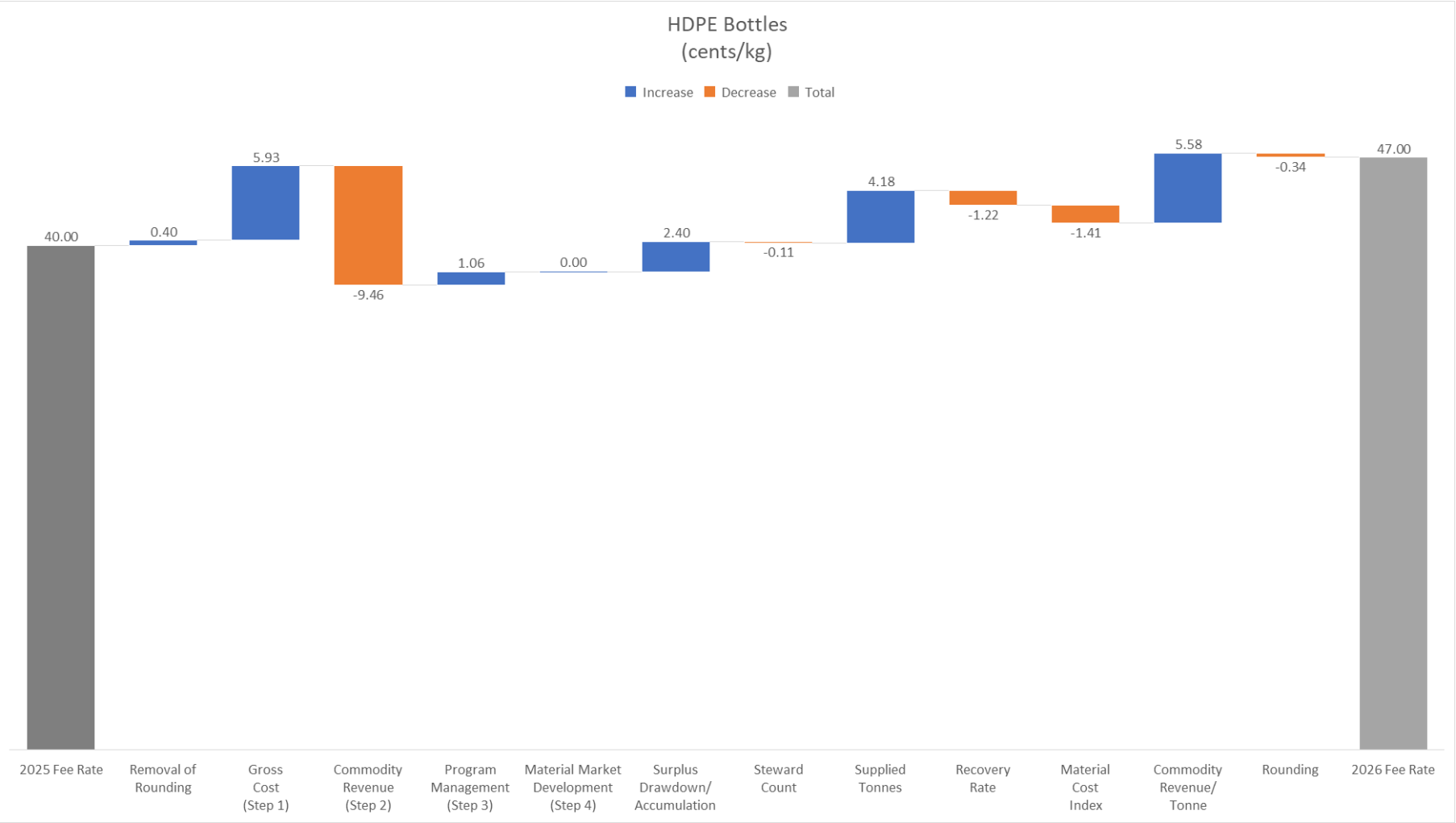


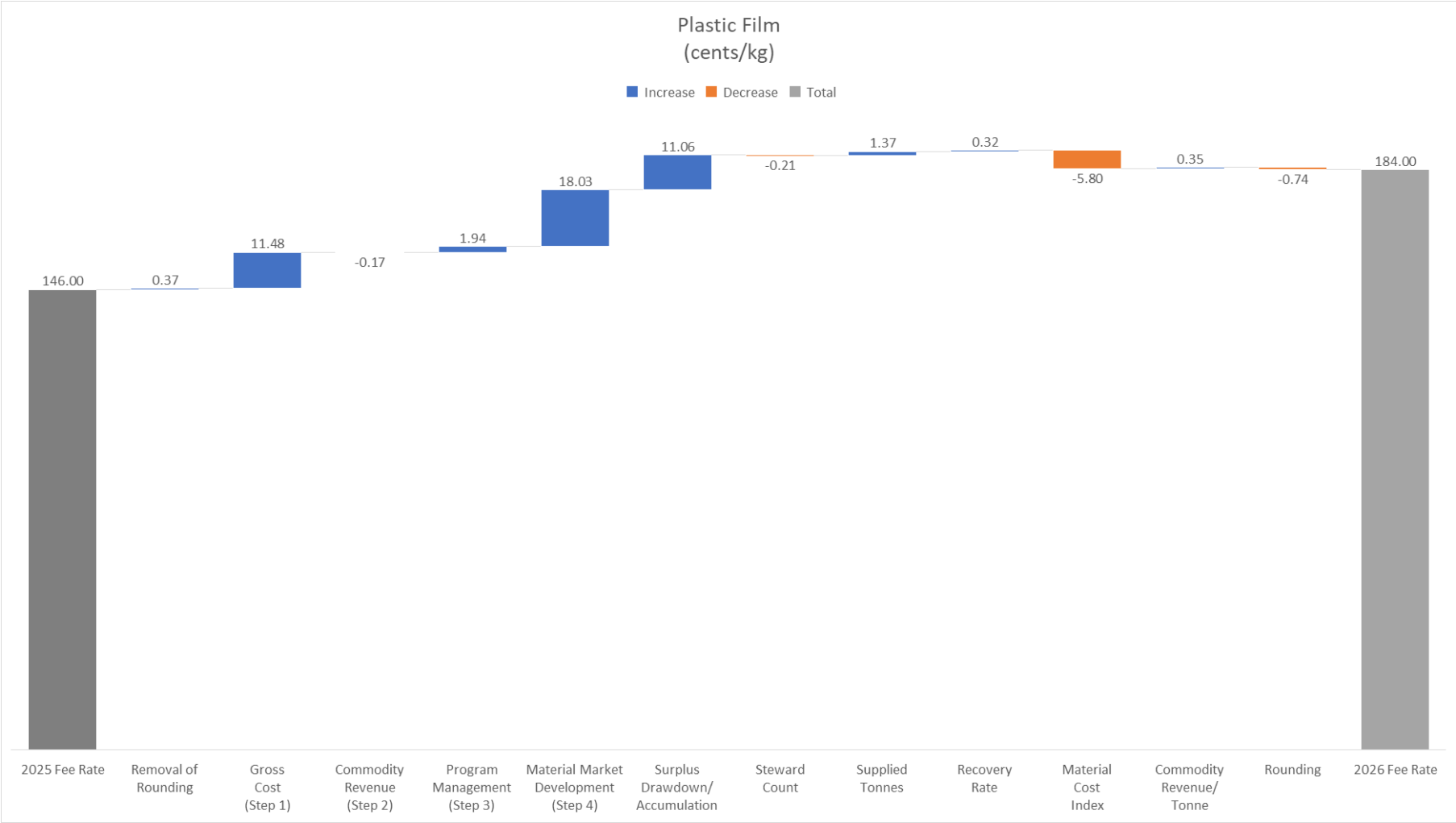


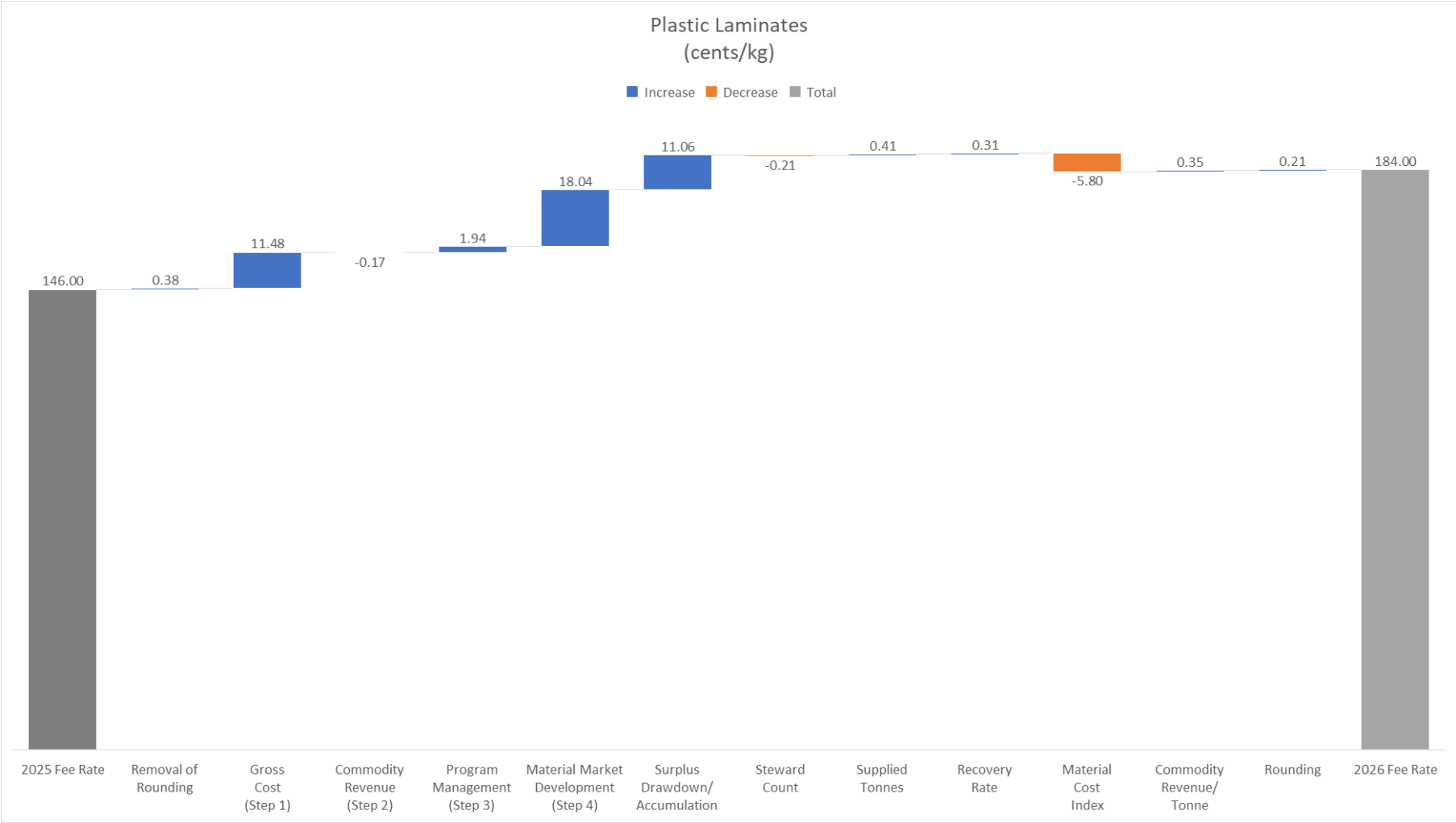
PET Thermoforms (cents/kg)

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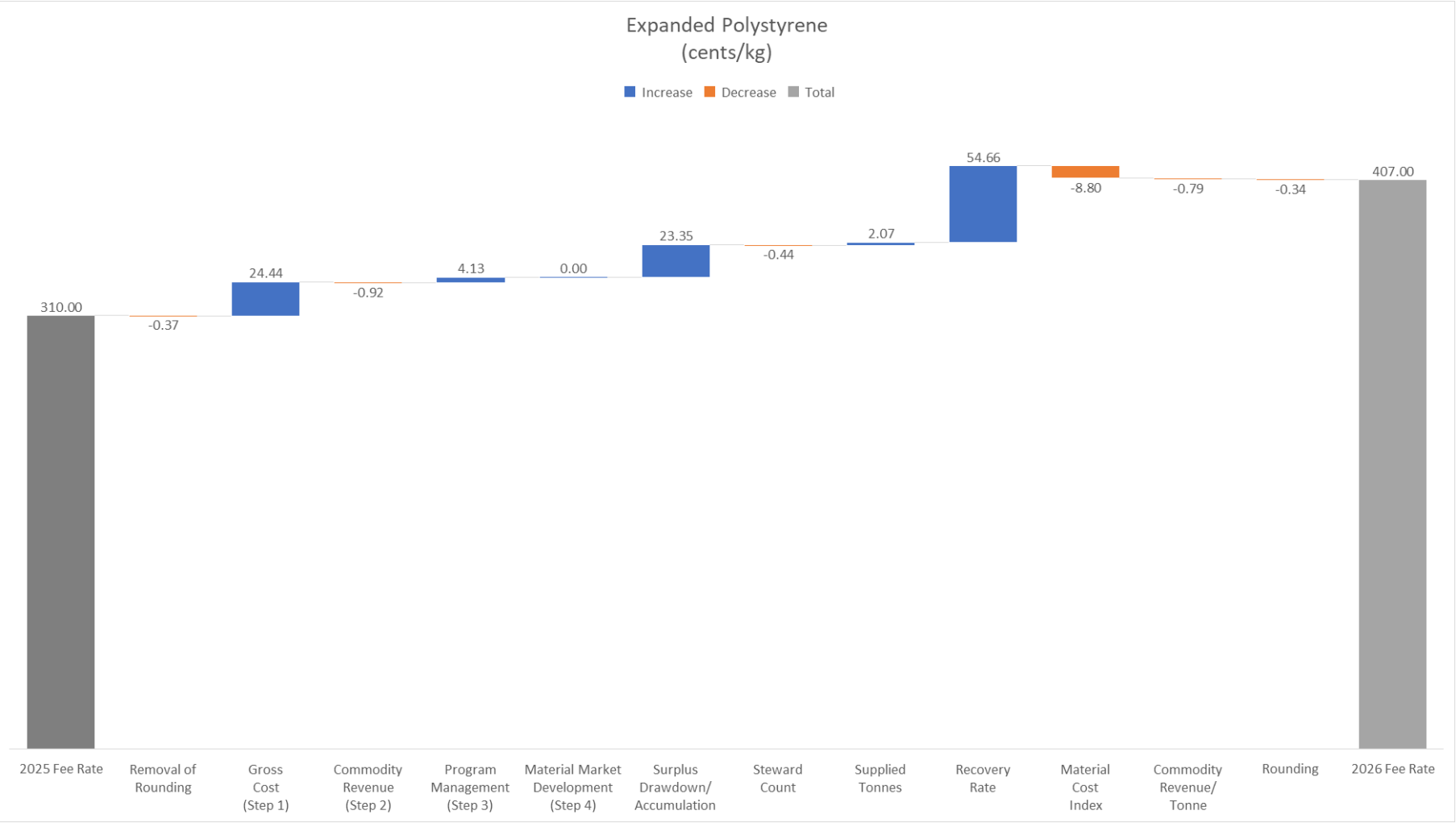


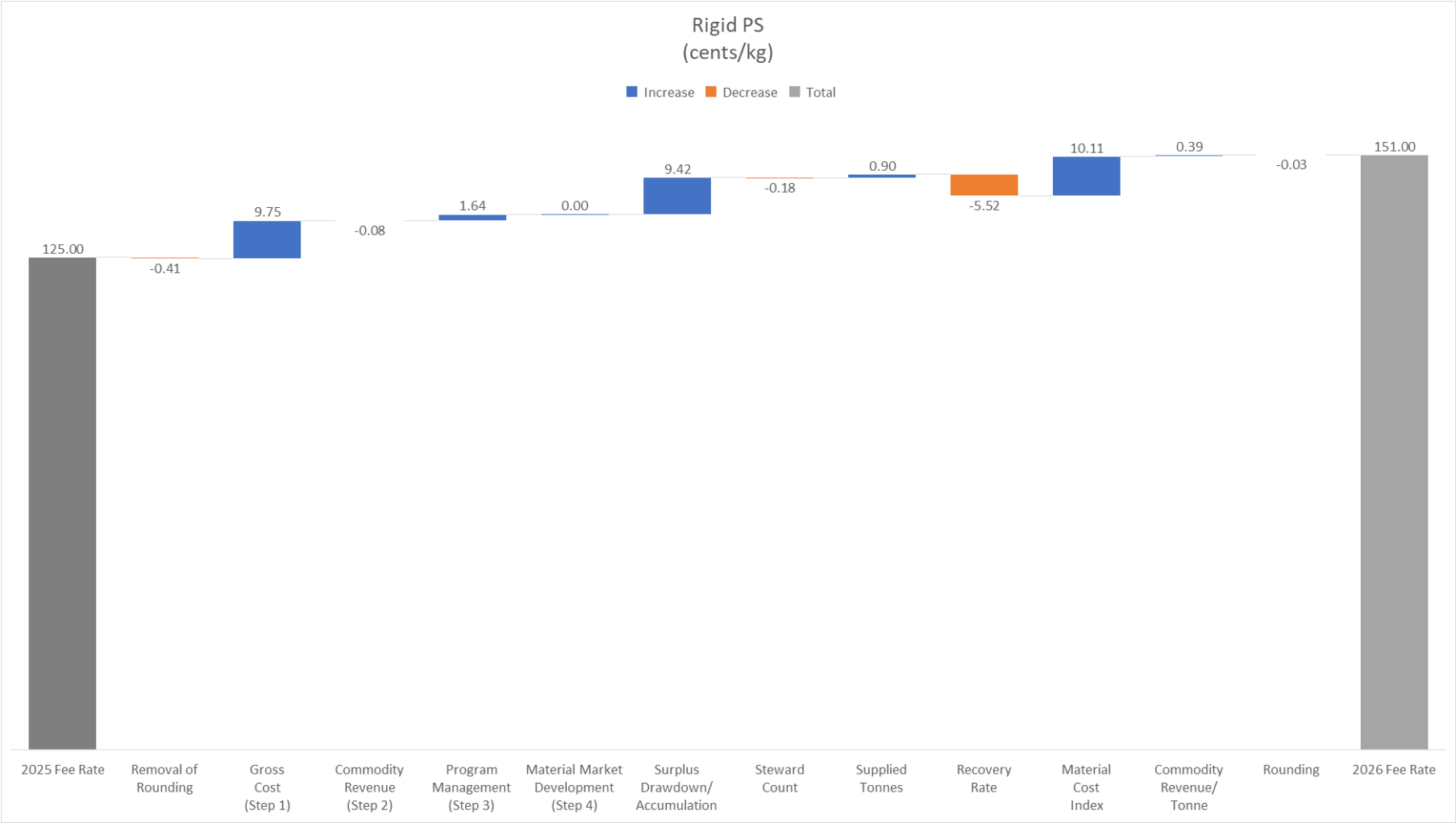


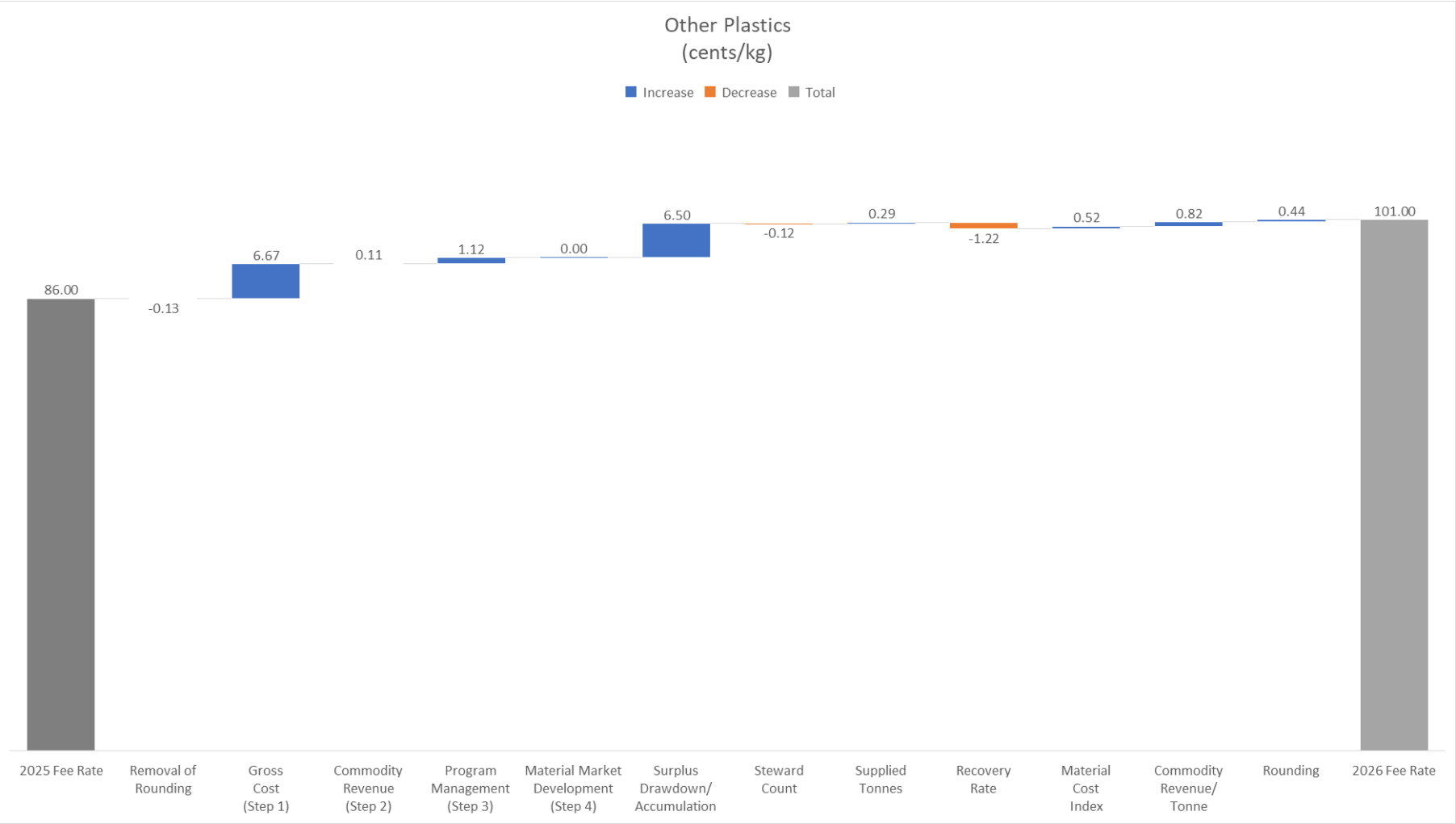


Expanded Polystyrene
(cents/kg)

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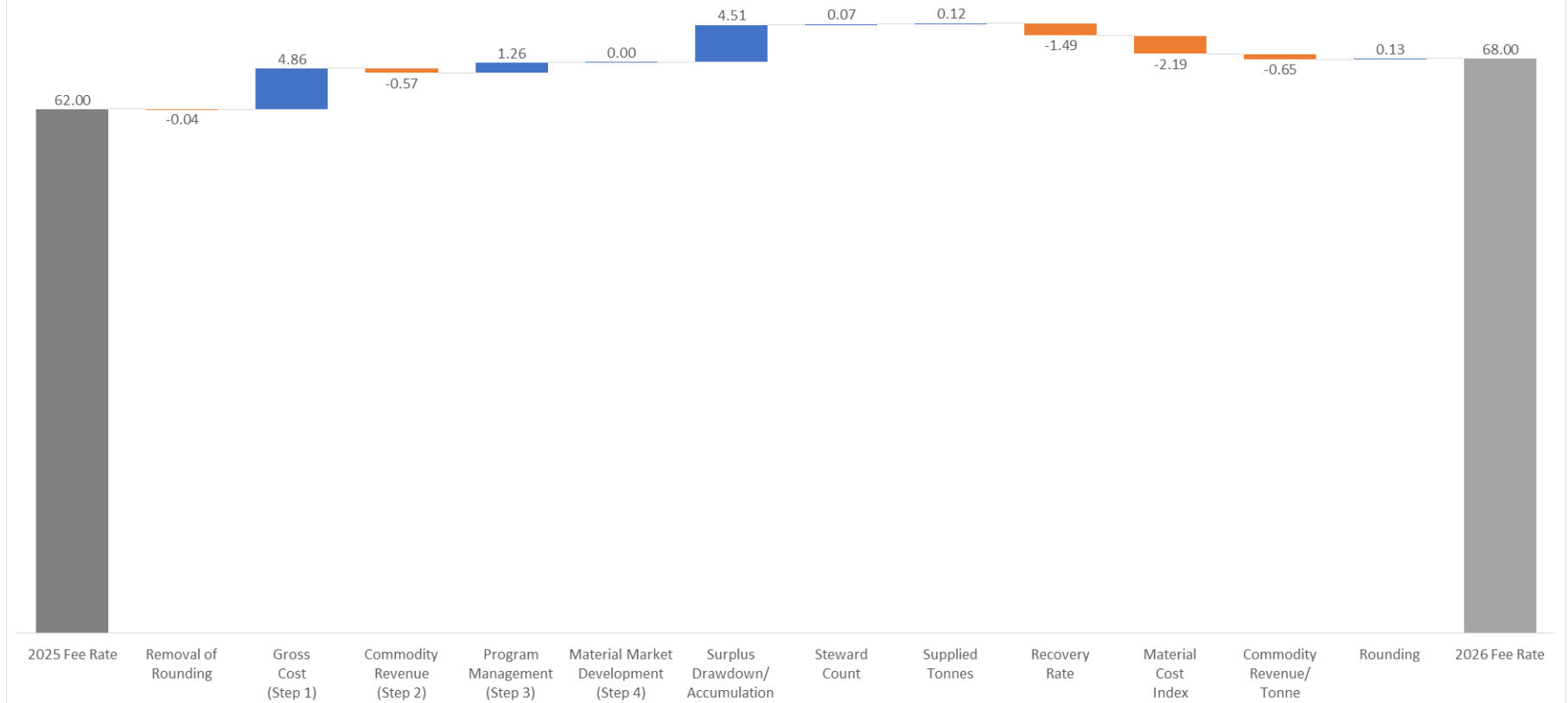


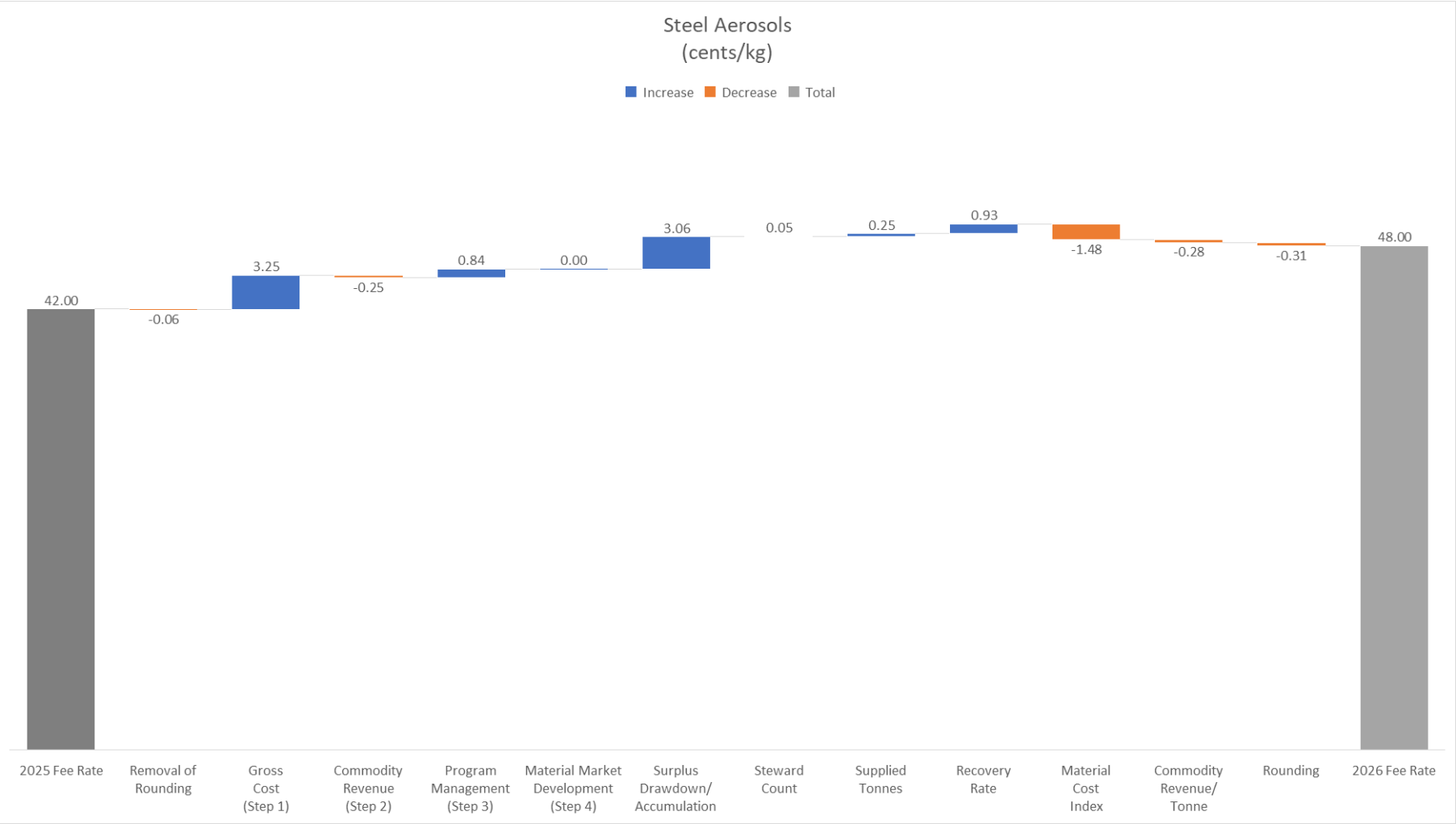


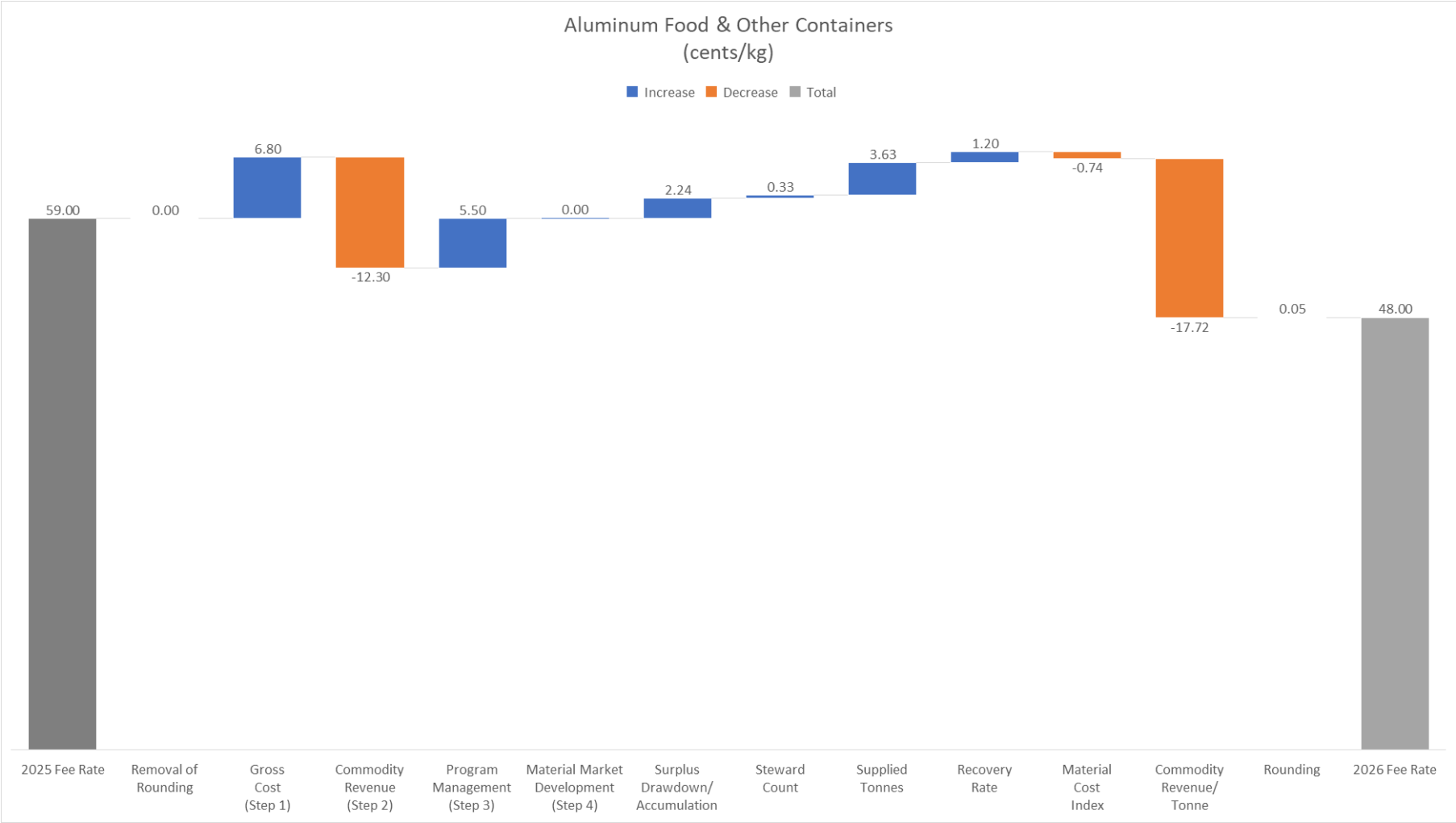


Other Steel Packaging including Paint cans (cents/kg)

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Other Aluminum Packaging (cents/kg)

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