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Commission Secretary
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Boise, Idaho 83714

Case No. AVU-G-24-02

I.P.U.C. No. 27 – Natural Gas Service

The Company has attached for electronic filing with the Commission are the following revised tariff sheets:

Thirty-Fourth Revision Sheet 150	canceling	Thirty-Third Revision Sheet 150
Twenty-Sixth Revision Sheet 155	canceling	Twenty-Fifth Revision Sheet 155

The Company requests that the proposed tariff sheets be made effective November 1, 2024. These tariff sheets reflect the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"). If approved, the Company's annual revenue will decrease by approximately \$32.3 million or approximately 27.9%. The proposed changes have no effect on the Company's earnings. Detailed information related to the Company's request was filed electronically along with the attached Application and supporting workpapers.

If the PGA filing is approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using an average of 64 therms per month would see their monthly bills decrease from \$78.03 to \$57.62, a decrease of \$20.41 per month, or approximately 26.2%. The proposed natural gas rate changes would be effective November 1, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2567.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick D. Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

AVISTA CORPORATION
d/b/a Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 150
PURCHASE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To pass through changes in costs resulting from purchasing and transporting natural gas, to become effective as noted below.

RATE:

- (a) The retail rates of firm gas Schedules 101, 111 and 112 are to be increased by 32.845¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by 23.850¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate for transportation under Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE GAS COST:

The above rate changes are based on the following weighted average cost of gas per therm as of the effective date shown below:

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	8.995¢	23.850¢	32.845¢
Schedules 111 and 112	8.995¢	23.850¢	32.845¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	23.850¢	23.850¢

The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	8.961¢	23.760¢	32.721¢
Schedules 111 and 112	8.961¢	23.760¢	32.721¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	23.760¢	23.760¢

The above amounts do not include a gross revenue factor.

BALANCING ACCOUNT:

The Company will maintain a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account whereby monthly entries into this Balancing Account will be made to reflect differences between the actual purchased gas costs collected from customers and the actual purchased gas costs incurred by the Company. Those differences are then collected from or refunded to customers under Schedule 155 – Gas Rate Adjustment.

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Important Notice for Idaho Electric and Natural Gas Customers (August 2024)

Avista has made annual rate adjustment filings with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC or Commission) that if approved, are designed to decrease overall electric revenues by approximately \$16.6 million or 5.4% effective Oct. 1, 2024 and decrease overall natural gas revenue by approximately \$29.8 million or 25.8% effective Nov. 1, 2024. These annual filings have no impact on Avista's earnings.

Electric Adjustment Filings

Two annual electric adjustments were filed, that if approved, are designed to change overall electric revenues effective Oct. 1, 2024 as follows:

1. Power Cost Adjustment (PCA): a decrease of approximately \$22.8 million or 7.4%
2. Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA): an increase of approximately \$6.2 million or 2.0%

Natural Gas Adjustment Filing

Two annual natural gas adjustments were filed, that if approved, are designed to change overall natural gas revenues effective Nov. 1, 2024 as follows:

1. Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA): a decrease of approximately \$32.3 million or 27.9%
2. Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA): an increase of approximately \$2.5 million or 2.1%

Customer Bills Resulting from these Filings

If the electric PCA (AVU-E-24-07) and FCA (AVU-E-24-08) filings are approved, residential electric customers in Idaho using an average of 927 kilowatt hours per month would see their monthly bills decrease from \$104.18 to \$101.46, a decrease of \$2.72 per month, or approximately 2.6%. The proposed electric rate change would be effective Oct. 1, 2024.

The requested electric rate change by rate schedule are as follows:

Residential Service - Schedule 1	-2.7%
General Service - Schedules 11 & 12	-7.2%
Large General Service - Schedules 21 & 22	-6.3%
Extra Large General Service - Schedule 25	-10.7%
Extra Large General Service - Schedule 25P	-11.7%
Pumping Service - Schedules 31 & 32	-5.5%
Street & Area Lights - Schedules 41-49	<u>-1.8%</u>
Overall	-5.4%

If the natural gas FCA (AVU-G-24-01) and PGA (AVU-G-24-02) filings are approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using an average of 64 therms per month would see their monthly bills decrease from \$78.03 to \$59.37, a decrease of \$18.66 per month, or approximately 23.9%. The proposed natural gas rate change would be effective Nov. 1, 2024.

The requested natural gas rate change by rate schedule are as follows:

General Service - Schedule 101	-24.3%
Large General Service - Schedules 111 & 112	-31.6%
Interruptible Service - Schedules 131 & 132	0.0%
Transportation Service - Schedule 146	<u>0.0%</u>
Overall	-25.8%

Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

The PCA is an annual rate adjustment made to reflect the difference between the actual cost of generating and purchasing electric power to serve customers and the cost currently included in customer rates. Over

the last year, power supply costs were lower than those included in retail rates due to higher wholesale electric and natural gas prices.

Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA)

The electric and natural gas FCA is a mechanism designed to break the link between a utility's revenues and customers' energy usage. Avista's actual revenue, based on kilowatt hour or therm sales, will vary, up or down, from the level included in a general rate case and approved by the Commission. This could be caused by changes in weather, energy conservation or other factors. Generally, under the FCA, Avista's revenues are adjusted each month based on the number of customers. The annual difference between revenues based on sales and the number of customers is surcharged or rebated to customers beginning in the following year.

The proposed FCA rate adjustments are primarily driven by variations in 2023 customer usage related to weather and savings from participating in efficiency programs. The FCA mechanisms do not apply to Avista's Electric Extra Large General and Street Lighting Service Schedules, nor to its Natural Gas Interruptible and Transportation Service Schedules.

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA)

PGA requests are typically filed annually to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount presently included in customer's rates. Avista does not make a profit on, or markup, the wholesale cost of natural gas. PGAs ensure customers pay what Avista pays, dollar for dollar, only at a more predictable and stable rate throughout the year. These rate adjustments are driven primarily by a reduction in the current surcharge amortization rate and lower wholesale natural gas prices observed during this past winter, which were below the amounts included in rates.

Rate Application Procedure

The Company's applications are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. Copies of the applications are available for public review at the offices of both the Commission and Avista, and on the Commission's website (www.puc.idaho.gov). Customers may file with the Commission written comments related to the Company's filings. Customers may also subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed (<http://www.puc.idaho.gov/rssfeeds/rss.htm>) to receive periodic updates via e-mail about the case. Copies of rate filings are also available on our website, www.myavista.com/rates.

If you would like to submit comments on the proposed rate change, you can do so by going to the Commission website puc.idaho.gov/Form/CaseComment or mailing comments to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

When filing comments reference the appropriate Case Number.

Avista offers a number of programs and services to help customers manage their energy use and costs. Visit www.myavista.com for information on these programs which include Comfort Level Billing, bill payment options, automated payment service, assistance programs, conservation tips, and energy efficiency rebates.

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SCHEDULE 155
GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

AVAILABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To adjust gas rates for amounts generated by the sources listed below.

MONTHLY RATE:

- (a) The rates of firm gas Schedules 101 and 111 are to be decreased by 1.734¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rate of interruptible gas Schedule 131 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate of transportation gas Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

SOURCES OF MONTHLY RATE:

Changes in the monthly rates above result from amounts which have been accumulated in the Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account as described in Schedule 150 – Purchase Gas Cost Adjustment.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The above Monthly Rate is subject to the provisions of Tax Adjustment Schedule 158.

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