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State of Idaho
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
11331 W. Chinden Blvd
Bldg 8 Suite 201-A
Boise, ID 83714

Attention: Ms. Jan Noriyuki, Secretary

Re: **Case No. AVU-E-20-__**
Residential Exchange Annual Rate Adjustment Filing of Avista Corporation

Dear Commission Secretary:

In accordance with Case No. GNR-U-20-01, Order No. 34602, which suspends the requirement to file physical copies, the Company has attached for electronic filing with the Commission the following revised tariff sheet:

Twentieth Revision Sheet 59 canceling Nineteenth Revision Sheet 59

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Avista Corporation's dba Avista Utilities ("Avista or the Company") Application requesting approval of changes to the Company's Residential and Small Farm Tariff Schedule 59.

Electronic versions of the Company's filing were emailed to the Commission, and the Service List, on July 31, 2020.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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10 BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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12	IN THE MATTER OF THE RESIDENTIAL)	
13	AND SMALL FARM ANNUAL RATE)	CASE NO. AVU-E-20-__
14	ADJUSTMENT FILING OF)	APPLICATION OF AVISTA
15	AVISTA CORPORATION)	CORPORATION

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I. INTRODUCTION

20 In accordance with Idaho Code §61-502 and RP 052, Avista Corporation, doing
21 business as Avista Utilities (hereinafter “Avista” or “Company”), at 1411 East Mission
22 Avenue, Spokane, Washington, respectfully makes application to the Idaho Public Utilities
23 Commission (“Commission”) for an order authorizing Avista to implement Residential and
24 Small Farm Energy rates for electric service from October 1, 2020 through September 30,
25 2021. The proposed Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment credit rate for
26 rate schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48 is 0.336¢ per kilowatt-hour. The credit rate represents
27 a \$0.6 million increase to qualifying customers. The Company has requested an October
28 1, 2020 effective date.

1 **III. DRIVERS OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM ENERGY RATE**

2 **ADJUSTMENT CREDIT**

3 Under the current Residential Exchange rate adjustment, approximately \$4.8
4 million annually is being passed through to applicable Idaho customers through a uniform
5 0.387¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit. This rate was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities
6 Commission effective October 1, 2019 in Order No. 34449.

7 The proposed rate credit of 0.336¢ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through
8 approximately \$4.2 million which represents the Idaho portion of the annual level of BPA
9 benefits, offset by the over-refunded balance from the prior year, starting in October 2020.
10 The level of BPA benefits is consistent with what is currently being passed back to
11 customers in rates today. That amount, however, is offset by an over-refunded balance
12 from the prior year of approximately \$0.6 million, which is due to actual usage being higher
13 than what was projected in the Company's 2019 filing. The table below details the year
14 over year differences between the benefit included in current rates and the proposed benefit
15 included in this filing.

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	2020	2019	
	Proposed	Present	Change
17 Idaho portion of benefit amount	\$ (4,740,287)	\$ (4,740,287)	\$ (0)
Estimated over/(under) refunded balance	\$ 574,500	\$ (1,228)	\$ 575,728
18 Revenue Conversion factor	<u>\$ (22,832)</u>	<u>\$ (27,844)</u>	<u>\$ 5,012</u>
Revenue Requirement	\$ (4,188,620)	\$ (4,769,359)	\$ 580,739

19 The Company is therefore proposing an overall increase of \$0.6 million or 0.3%
20 for qualifying customers. The change in rate credit has no effect on Avista's net income.

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1 **IV. PROPOSED RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020**

2 The Company is proposing a per kilowatt-hour Residential and Small Farm Energy
3 Rate Adjustment credit rate of 0.336¢ for rate schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48 to become
4 effective October 1, 2020. Attachment A to this Application provides the Residential and
5 Small Farm Energy Rate Calculation. Attached as Exhibit “A” is a copy of the proposed
6 tariff, Schedule 59, which contains the proposed Residential and Small Farm Energy rates
7 discussed earlier in this Application. Exhibit “A” also includes the proposed changes to
8 Schedule 59 in strike-out/underline format. Residential customers using an average of 898
9 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$86.27 to \$86.73, an
10 increase of \$0.46 per month, or 0.5%.

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12 **V. COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICE OF APPLICATION**

13 In conformance with RP 125, this Application will be brought to the attention of
14 the Company’s customers. Included in this filing is the form of Press Release which will
15 be issued on July 31, 2020, as well as the form of Customer Notice which will be included
16 in customer’s bills beginning in early August 2020 and run for a full billing cycle.

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18 **VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

19 The Company requests that the Commission issue an order approving a per
20 kilowatt-hour Residential and Small Farm Energy credit rate of 0.336¢ for rate schedules
21 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48 to become effective October 1, 2020. The Residential and Small Farm
22 Energy credit represents a \$0.6 million, or 0.3%, increase to qualifying customers. The

1 Company requests that the matter be processed under the Commission's Modified
2 Procedure rules through the use of written comments.

3 Dated at Spokane, Washington this 31st day of July 2020.

4 AVISTA CORPORATION

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6 BY /s/ David J. Meyer
7 David J. Meyer
8 Vice President and Chief Counsel for
9 Regulatory and Governmental Affairs
10 Avista Corporation

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dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 59

RESIDENTIAL AND FARM ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

APPLICABLE:

To Residential Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has electric service available. This rate adjustment results from an Agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) covering Residential Exchange Program benefits. The rate adjustment in this schedule shall be applicable to customers served under Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32 and 48.

MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges for all blocks of electric Schedules 1, 12, 22 and 32 and the charges for area lights based on the energy usages of the lights on Schedule 48 are to be reduced by 0.336¢ per kWh.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The rate adjustment under this schedule is subject to revision to reflect the true up from estimated to actual benefits and to reflect projected future benefits. In the event the credits applied under this schedule exceed the benefits, the Company will adjust the rate on this schedule to recover that difference.

The energy credit applied to Schedule 32 for farm irrigation and pumping load, for each billing period, shall not exceed the amount of energy determined by the following formula:

$$400 \times 0.746 \times \text{days in the billing period} \times 24$$

In no instance shall any qualifying irrigation and pumping load for any month exceed 222,000 kWh.

Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff.

The above rate is subject to the provisions of Tax Adjustment Schedule 58.

Issued: July 31, 2020

Effective: October 1, 2020

Issued by Avista Utilities
By

Patrick Ehrbar – Director of Regulatory Affairs



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Effective: October 1, 2019

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