

AVISTA CORPORATION
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SCHEDULE 485

AVISTA OREGON LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (“AOLIEE”)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the AOLIEE program is to fund residential low-income energy efficiency projects delivered by Community Action Partnership Agencies (Agency or Agencies) serving Avista low-income customers. Agencies representing Avista service territory include the following:

- Community Connection of Northeast Oregon (CCNO) – Union County
- ACCESS – Jackson County
- United Community Action Network (UCAN) – Josephine and Douglas Counties
- Oregon Human Development Corp (OHDC) – Klamath County

The AOLIEE program is intended to increase energy efficiency in low-income households by providing a dedicated funding source, which can be leveraged by utilizing existing infrastructure currently in place as a result of delivering the Federal Weatherization Assistance and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs. The customer intake process includes potential consideration for weatherization services and other income-qualified programs that can also serve as referrals for energy assistance services.

AVAILABLE:

The AOLIEE program shall be available to income-qualified residential customers of Avista as determined by the Agencies. In addition to the income-eligibility requirement, recipient must have an active account with Avista and must use natural gas as their primary heating source. Any residential dwelling that receives assistance for the installation of the same or similar measure under any other energy efficiency program may not be eligible for assistance under this program.

APPLICABLE:

To natural gas heated residential dwellings, including multi-unit dwellings.

PROGRAM FUNDING:

Budget for program will be determined annually. Actual spending for program year may be less than budgeted amount. Funding for the program will be collected through Tariff Schedule 469– Public Purpose Funding Surcharge.

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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS:

AOLIEE will be administered by the Company in accordance with tariff schedule 485. Administration costs shall not exceed 6% of the total AOLIEE program budget. Administration costs will cover the cost of processing reimbursement requests, working with Agencies, attending Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (OECA) meetings, and other functions to support the program.

PROGRAM YEAR AND REPORTING

The AOLIEE program year will be the same as the calendar year. Following the end of the program year, the Company will submit an annual report of the AOLIEE program to the Commission on or before April 30th of the following year. After filing the annual report, the Company will review the results of the program with Commission Staff and other interested parties to determine if any changes should be made to the program.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Program funds will be allocated to the Agencies based on the number of meters served within the service area of each Agency. If it is determined that an Agency is under-performing and will not spend all of their allocated funds by the end of the year, the Company may choose to make those funds available to other Agencies. Any amounts not spent during the Program Year will not be carried over to the following Program Year.

At the Company’s discretion, up to \$15,000 can be advanced to each Agency at the beginning of the funding cycle to assist the Agency in managing multiple funding sources. An Agency may request additional funds based on the expected job totals and costs for any subsequent month.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE AND DELIVERY COSTS

Each Agency will be reimbursed for a portion of the administrative and delivery costs of administering the AOLIEE program in the amount of \$1,100 per household. The Agency administrative payment will be included with the payment for installed energy efficiency and health, safety, and repair measures. The Company will process payment requests within thirty (30) days of receiving all required documentation. A home is eligible for payment no more than twice under the program.

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APPROVED MEASURES TO BE FUNDED

Avista will provide funding for 100% of the cost of all installed measures, not to exceed a maximum of \$10,000 per home, or \$14,000 per home if heating equipment is replaced. The total group of installed measures in the home, as prescribed by the Energy Analyzer Software used by each of the Agencies, must meet or exceed a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or better. Measures may be bundled to determine SIR for a group of measures being installed in a home as allowed by the Department of Energy. Agencies shall determine the appropriate measures to install for the AOLIEE program as long as the measure meets the minimum SIR requirement of 1.0 or better.

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A measure can only be completed once during its measure life in a home under the program. Under no circumstances will project funding exceed the actual installed cost of the measure(s).

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HEALTH, SAFETY, AND REPAIR MEASURE FUNDING

AOLIEE funding may be used for the cost of health, safety, and repair (HSR) measures. These measures are those that adversely impact the safety and health of the occupants living in the home or the effectiveness of the efficiency measures. Agencies may use their discretion on the amount spent on HSR measures in each home, not to exceed 15% of the Agency's overall budget. Agencies may also choose not to spend any of their AOLIEE funds on HSR measures and instead use them to fund weatherization measures in additional homes.

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AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Agencies must submit all information required by the Company in order to receive payment of jobs. Required information will be outlined within the contract between the Company and the Agency for administration of the AOLIEE program.

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