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Advice No. 20-08-G/ UG-394 (Demand Side Management)

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to Docket UM 1759, ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259(5), Avista Utilities hereby electronically submits the following tariff applicable to its Oregon natural gas operations, along with a copy of its supporting workpapers, related to Avista's Demand Side Management (DSM) Deferral balance.

Twelfth Revision Sheet 478 canceling Eleventh Revision Sheet 478

With this filing, the proposed amortization rate to rebate the balance remaining in the DSM amortization account, inclusive of the gross revenue factor, is as follows:

Rate <u>Schedule</u>	Current Amortization <u>Rates</u>	Proposed Amortization <u>Rate</u>
410, 420, 424, 444	\$0.0000	(\$0.00058)

Background

On October 18, 2016, the Commission in Order No. 16-393 in Docket No. UG-317 approved the Company's request to recover from customers approximately \$1.5 million related to administering the Company's DSM programs for the July 2015 through April 2016 time period. Effective May 1, 2016, pursuant to Docket No. UG-288, the Company no longer deferred costs associated with the delivery of the Company's DSM program under Schedule 478. Rather, the Company now collects from customers through Schedule 469 the funds required by the Energy Trust of Oregon to administer the majority of the Company's DSM programs.

The Company began amortizing the DSM balance associated with the previous deferrals effective November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2018. Due to load variations, approximately \$160,000 remained in the account and in UG-362, an amortization rate of \$0.00190 was set effective to return this residual amount to customers from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019. Anticipating the balance would be at zero at the end of October 2019, the Company set the rates in Tariff Sheet 478 to \$0.0000/therm effective November 1, 2019. Once again, however, due to load variation between forecast and actual, a rebate balance of approximately \$45,000 remained in the deferral at the end of October 2019. With this filing, the Company proposes to rebate this residual amount of DSM deferrals to customers.

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by this filing, the annual revenue before and after the impact of the rate change, and the average monthly use and resulting bills under existing and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Schedule 410	92,152
Schedule 420	11,899
Schedule 424	82
Schedule 444	3

Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Monthly Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Monthly Change	Proposed Change to Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 62,215,973	\$ 62,185,918	\$ (30,055)	-0.05%	47	\$ 56.40	\$ 56.37	\$ (0.03)	-0.050%
420	General	\$ 28,087,483	\$ 28,070,980	\$ (16,503)	-0.06%	199	\$ 196.47	\$ 196.35	\$ (0.12)	-0.060%
424	Large General	\$ 1,890,356	\$ 1,888,066	\$ (2,290)	-0.12%	4,005	\$ 1,917.05	\$ 1,914.73	\$ (2.32)	-0.120%
440	Interruptible	\$ 3,181,026	\$ 3,181,026	\$ -	0.00%	29,230	\$ 7,854.39	\$ 7,854.39	\$ -	0.000%
444	Seasonal	\$ 97,963	\$ 97,849	\$ (114)	-0.12%	5,780	\$ 2,881.16	\$ 2,877.80	\$ (3.36)	-0.120%
447	Special Contracts	\$ 212,779	\$ 212,779	\$ -	0.00%	225,067	\$ 8,865.39	\$ 8,865.39	\$ -	0.000%
456	Int. Transportation	\$ 2,148,853	\$ 2,148,853	\$ -	0.00%	77,241	\$ 5,776.85	\$ 5,776.85	\$ -	0.000%
	Total	\$ 97,834,433	\$ 97,785,471	\$ (48,962)	-0.05%					

After combining the impact of this filing with the four other regulatory filings, which also have a November 1, 2020 effective date¹, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms a month could expect their bill to *decrease* by \$0.71, or 1.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$55.69 effective November 1, 2020.

¹ On July 31, 2020, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2020 Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 20-05-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 20-07-G), Schedule 461 Purchase Gas Cost (Advice No. 20-06-G), and Schedule 482 Regulatory Fees (Advice No. 20-09-G). The net effect of all filings (including PGA) is a revenue decrease of approximately \$1.5 million or 1.6%.



The Company will provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement both now and following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Annette Brandon at (509) 495-4324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick D. Ehrbar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

AVISTA UTILITIES
ADVICE NO. 20-08-G

Tariff Sheets

July 31, 2020

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 478

DSM COST RECOVERY - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

Adjustments under this schedule are applicable to all bills calculated under all schedules of this Tariff.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to rebate the remaining deferral balance associated with the prudent investment costs associated with OPUC-approved Demand Side Management (DSM) Programs previously administered by the Company.

MONTHLY RATE:

The Commodity Charge per therm of the individual rate schedules are to be reduced by the following amounts:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.00058 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.00058 per Therm
Schedule 424	\$0.00058 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.00058 per Therm

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

This schedule is subject to the General Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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November 1, 2020

Issued by Avista Utilities
By

Patrick Ehrbar, Director of Regulatory Affairs

