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VIA – Electronic Filing

September 15, 2020

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
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RE: Advice No. 20-11-G; 2020 Tariff Housekeeping Filing

Filing Center:

Pursuant to ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025, attached for filing with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation’s, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” or “the Company”), filing of its proposed changes to the following tariff sheets, P.U.C. OR No. 5:

First Revision Sheet 2	Canceling	Original Sheet 2
Ninth Revision Sheet 20	Canceling	Eighth Revision Sheet 20
Third Revision Sheet 469	Canceling	Second Revision Sheet 469

The tariff modifications included herein are housekeeping in nature, to amend text for clarification purposes, remove superfluous specifications, or incorporate changes unintentionally omitted in previous advice filings.

Rule No. 2 – Description of Service

Avista’s proposed updates to Rule 02 include an adjustment to the expected average heating value of natural gas supplied by the Company, as well as several grammatical fixes. The existing FERC Gas Tariff Sheet No. 204 (3.1.a.5) with Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) and Northwest Pipeline (NWP) indicates that a total gross heating value of the natural gas delivered shall not be

less than 985 BTU, therefore, the Company requests to update its tariff from the current heating values listed to those that match what is delivered by GTN and NWP.

Rule No. 20 – Miscellaneous Charges

This housekeeping filing is being made pursuant to the Company’s agreement in its most recent general rate case to correct the updated curtailment penalty amount specified in Rule 20 from \$1 to \$10.¹ In its Advice No. 19-08-G (ADV 1000), approved by the Commission on October 10, 2019, Avista submitted several tariff revisions related to service and plans for gas curtailment to interruptible customers; updates to the curtailment penalty charge listed in Rule 20 were unintentionally omitted from this original filing.

Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding Surcharge

Avista’s Schedule 469 tariff currently states that “Effective January 1, 2019, a public purpose charge equal to 3.98% of revenues on an annualized basis will be collected through monthly charges for the purposes described above.” The Company proposes to remove the specific revenue percentage stated as the basis by which the Public Purpose Charge (PPC) is collected, as well as the effective date detailed for this percentage. While Avista files annual modifications to its PPC to ensure that energy efficiency programs administered by the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) and Avista have the appropriate level of funding to meet customer needs, it has found that listing a specific percentage of revenues in its tariff creates an unnecessary administrative burden in instances where the Company’s revenues change at a time inconsistent with the cadence of the PPC filings. For example, a general rate case outcome would thereby skew the revenue percentage listed within Schedule 469, and while the actual rates per term specified within the tariff might still be accurate, the percentage of revenues on an annualized basis listed would be rendered incorrect.

Avista has provided the revised tariff sheets as support for the changes and, as noted on the tariff sheets, the Company requests an effective date of October 15, 2020. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jaime Majure at (509) 495-7839 or jaime.majure@avistacorp.com.

¹ See Docket No. UG 389, Joint Testimony in Support of Second Partial Settlement Stipulation, pg. 20, lines 4-9.

Sincerely,

/s/Joe Miller

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Enclosures



AVISTA CORPORATION
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RULE NO. 2

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

A. Kind and Heating Value

Gas supplied by the Company will be natural gas having the following average heating values that may be expected to fluctuate not more than plus or minus three percent.

Southern Oregon Division, excluding Klamath Falls	985 Btu per cubic foot	(C)
Klamath Falls	1,065 Btu per cubic foot	
La Grande and Baker	1,055 Btu per cubic foot	

B. Pressure

The regular delivery pressure will be approximately seven inches of water column.

Where gas is served at pressures above the regular pressure through positive displacement meters, the metered volume shall be corrected to a standard pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia).

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C. Determination of Therms to be Billed

1. Average Natural Gas Heating Value

All natural gas is supplied under rate schedules based on therms. The number of therms delivered to the customer will be determined by the conversion of volumetric measurements. The conversion of volumetric measurements to therms will be based on the actual Btus delivered on a daily basis. For customers on transportation schedules or special contracts that deliver gas daily to the Company, the daily heating value reported by the pipeline(s) delivering gas to the Company's distribution system will be used.

2. Positive Displacement Metering

a. General Service Accounts Supplied at Regular Delivery Pressure

The therm multiplier for general service accounts metered at regular delivery pressure will be developed from the average natural gas heating value as indicated in Section C.1. above, expressed in Btu per cubic foot divided either by 1,000 for meter registrations in units of 100 cubic feet

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RULE NO. 20
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

The following schedule summarizes the Company's service charges to its natural gas customers:

Disconnect (normal business hours).....	no charge
*Reconnect charge for non-pay/Customer convenience.....	\$30 -during office hours****
(Reference Rule 11)	\$50 -other than office hrs****
* Seasonal Reconnect	\$30 -during office hours****
(Reference Schedule 410 and 420)	\$50 -other than office hrs****
Returned checks from the Bank (Reference Rule 9)	\$ 25
Late Payment Fee	2.1% of unpaid balance
(Reference Rule 9).....	over \$200
2nd Meter Test within 12 Month Period	Company cost of***
(Reference Rule 18)	performing test
Deposits to establish credit - (Reference Rule 7)	Based on premise usage
Penalty Charge for Excess Therms Taken During Curtailment	\$10.00/therm
(Reference Rule 14)	
Customer Requested Removal and Replacement of Meter/Communication Equipment.....	\$221.61
(Reference Rule 17)	
Monthly Meter Reading Expense	\$50.88/month
(Reference Rule 17)	

* Avista Utilities may charge and collect any unusual costs incident to the discontinuance or restoration of a service which has resulted from the customer's action or negligence. In addition, this Commission approved fee may be charged whenever the Company visits a residential service address intending to reconnect service, but due to customer action, the Company is unable to complete the reconnection at the time of the visit. Further, when service has been discontinued at the Customer's request and then reestablished within a twelve-month period, the Customer shall be required to pay the monthly minimum charges that would have been billed had service not been discontinued.

*** Cost based on company formula which allows the Company to recover expenses for payroll, taxes, insurance, and company vehicle used.

**** Office hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, other than holidays. (Reconnects must be accomplished before 5PM in order to merit the "during office hour" charge).

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SCHEDULE 469

PUBLIC PURPOSE FUNDING SURCHARGE - 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 collect funds to be used to fund energy efficiency programs administered through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) and the Company.

MONTHLY RATE:

A public purpose charge, based on a percentage of revenues on an annualized basis, will be collected through monthly charges for the purpose described above. The Commodity Charge per therm of the individual rate schedules are to be adjusted by the following amounts:

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<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.04256 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.03601 per Therm
Schedule 424	\$0.01648 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.01731 per Therm

DETERMINATION OF RATE

The Company will annually determine if the Public Purpose Funding Surcharge for energy efficiency programs administered by the ETO and the Company needs to be adjusted so that forecasted collections, plus any unspent collections, are sufficient to meet all programming needs by the ETO and the Company. Any adjustments needed will take place on the 1st of each year.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The annual budget funds collected to be transferred to the ETO will be calculated in partnership with the Company and the ETO.
2. The monies collected under this schedule for the purposes of funding energy efficiency program delivered by the ETO will be transferred to the ETO monthly.
3. The Company will retain a portion of the funding collected under this schedule to fund Schedule 485, Avista Oregon Low Income Energy Efficiency Program ("AOLIEE") as well as administrative and marketing expenses.

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