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Advice No. 19-07-G/ UG-385 (Bank Fee Free)

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 Fee Free Deferral balance.

1st Revision Sheet 484 canceling Original Sheet 484

Background

On January 12, 2016, Avista Corporation filed an application for an order authorizing the accounting and ratemaking treatment related to costs the Company will incur by offering a fee-free payment program for its residential customers to pay by any method, including credit and debit cards. Additionally, the Company filed for approval of tariff revisions on January 15, 2016 in Docket ADV 201 (Advice No. 16-02-G), which was subsequently approved in Order No. 16-122. In accordance with the Order, Avista deferred 90% of fees related to transactional costs which arose from residential customers' adoption of the debit and credit card fee free program from February 2017 until October 2017, when the costs of the fee free program were incorporated into base rates in Docket No. UG-325. Deferred costs associated with these fees were to be collected from residential customers, per the Commission's order.

On July 27, 2018, Avista filed Schedule 484 with the Commission to set forth a rate to recover the Fee Free deferral balance described above (Docket No. UG-364). The Commission approved the Company's request on October 15, 2018 in Order No. 18-392. The Company is projecting that it will fully amortize the deferral balance by the end of October 2019, and that the rate set forth under Schedule 484 should be set to \$0.00000. Any balance remaining in the Fee Free Deferral will be transferred to the Company's Residual account in accordance with guidance provided in UM1147.

Therefore, the Company is requesting a decrease in overall retail revenues of \$77,003, or 0.1%, effective on November 1, 2019. The proposed amortization rate change inclusive of the gross revenue factor, is as follows:

Rate Schedule	Current Amortization Rates	Proposed Amortization Rate
410	\$0.00150	\$0.00000

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:

Rate Schedule **Number of Customers**
Schedule 410 92,202

Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Change to Monthly Cost	% Change Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 53,596,121	\$ 53,519,118	\$ (77,003)	-0.1%	46	\$ 48.11	\$ 48.04	\$ (0.07)	-0.1%

After combining the impact of this filing with the four other regulatory filings, which also have a November 1, 2019 effective date¹, a residential customer using an average of 46 therms a month could expect their bill to *increase* by \$5.07, or 10.5 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$53.18 effective November 1, 2019.

The Company will issue a media release coincident with the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (“PGA”) filing and provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

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

Sincerely,



Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

¹ On July 31, 2019, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2019 Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 19-03-G), Schedule 461/462 PGA (Advice No. 19-04-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 19-05-G), and Demand Side Management (Advice No. 19-06-G). The net effect of all filings is a revenue increase of approximately \$8.3 million or 9.8%.



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AVISTA CORPORATION
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SCHEDULE 484

FEE FREE PAYMENT PROGRAM - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

Adjustments under this schedule are applicable to all bills calculated under residential Schedule 410.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the prudent investment costs associated with the Company's Fee Free payment program from the deferral period of February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

MONTHLY RATE:

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

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.00000 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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