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August 22, 2019

Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service  
Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached for electronic filing with the Commission is the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective November 1, 2019:

**Seventeenth Revision Sheet 59 Canceling Sixteenth Revision Sheet 59**

The proposed tariff sheet reflects a rate adjustment to increase the rebate related to Residential Exchange Program benefits the Company receives from the Bonneville Power Administration. The Residential Exchange Program provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor utilities of the Pacific Northwest including Avista.

Under the current Residential Exchange rate adjustment, approximately \$2.0 million annually is being passed through to applicable customers through a uniform 0.081¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit. The current rate was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission effective November 1, 2017.

The proposed rate credit of 0.414¢ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through approximately \$10.3 million, which represents the Washington portion of the annual level of benefits Avista will receive starting in October 2019. The Company is therefore proposing an overall revenue decrease of \$8.3 million or 1.6%. The change in rate credit has no effect on Avista's net income.

Enclosed is a set of workpapers that shows the derivation of the proposed 0.414¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit proposed to be effective November 1, 2019. The average residential customer using 918 kWhs per month will see a decrease of \$3.06 per month, or approximately 3.8%. The present

bill for 918 kWh is \$81.59 while the proposed bill is \$78.53. The actual decrease will vary based on customer usage.

The Company has included workpapers with its filing which supports the Company's request. Also, the Company has provided in this filing a copy of its customer notice which will be included as a bill insert in the September – October time frame. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick D. Ehrbar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick D. Ehrbar  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



AVISTA CORPORATION  
dba Avista Utilities

### SCHEDULE 59

#### RESIDENTIAL AND FARM ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT - WASHINGTON

##### APPLICABLE:

To Residential Customers in the State of Washington 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 decreased by 0.414¢ per kWh. (R)

##### 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 vary from the benefits, the Company will adjust the rate on this schedule to recover or pass through that difference. The carrying charge on the Residential Exchange deferral balance is a money market carrying charge.

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 August 22, 2019

Effective November 1, 2019

Issued by Avista Corporation  
By

Patrick Ehrbar – Director of Regulatory Affairs

