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July 17, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation's, dba Avista Utilities' ("Avista" or "the Company"), filing of its proposed revisions to the following natural gas tariff sheet, WN U-29:

Eighth Revision Sheet 192 Canceling Seventh Revision Sheet 192

The purpose of this filing is to increase the amount of the Company's natural gas "Low Income Rate Assistance Program" (LIRAP) funding by 7 percent in compliance with Commission Order No. 05, in Docket UE-150204. By way of background, Order No. 05 established a five-year plan and true-up schedule which required Avista to file revisions by August 15th of each year to Schedule 192 to increase LIRAP funding by 7 percent, beginning October 1, 2016 with annual funding increases through October 1, 2019. Also included in this filing is a true-up of the estimated revenues collected for LIRAP to the actual collections for the prior October to September program year.

The Company requests the Commission approve the proposed increase in rates and charges in Schedule 192 with an effective date of October 1, 2019. The estimated annual revenue change associated with this filing is an increase of approximately \$0.25 million, or an increase of 0.2% in overall billed rates. The proposed rate increase will have an average monthly bill impact of \$0.09

Schedule 192 Revisions

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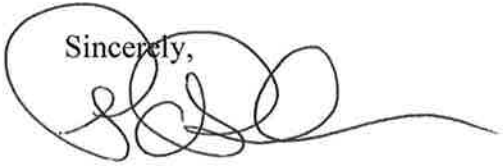
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for residential natural gas customers using 66 therms, or 0.2%. If approved, the average monthly bill would increase from \$47.79 to \$47.88.

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-194(1), a “Thirty-day Notice to Individual Customers”, the Company will provide notice to customers, by way of a bill insert, in the August/September 2019 billing cycle, as well as a posting on the Company’s website coincident with the date of this filing. Attached are the Company’s workpapers supporting this proposal.

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 Ehrbar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 192

LOW INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE RATE ADJUSTMENT- WASHINGTON

APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Washington where the Company has natural gas service available. This Low Income Rate Assistance Rate Adjustment or Rate Adjustment shall be applicable to all retail customers taking service under Schedules 101, 102, 111, 112, 116, 121, 122, 126, 131, 132 and 146. This Rate Adjustment is designed to recover costs incurred by the Company associated with providing Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRAP) to customers.

MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges of the individual rate schedules are to be increased by the following amounts:

Schedule 101 & 102	\$0.02093 per Therm	(I)
Schedule 111, 112 & 116	\$0.01754 per Therm	(I)
Schedule 121, 122 & 126	\$0.01602 per Therm	(I)
Schedule 131 & 132	\$0.01539 per Therm	(I)
Schedule 146	\$0.00080 per Therm	(I)

ANNUAL TRUE-UP:

On or before August 1, every year, the Company will file to adjust rates collected for the necessary program revenue with an effective date of October 1.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff.

The above Rate is subject to increases as set forth in Tax Adjustment Schedule 158.

Issued July 17, 2019

Effective October 1, 2019

Issued by Avista Corporation

By 

Patrick Ehrbar, Director of Regulatory Affairs