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Case No. AVU-G-26-03

I.P.U.C. No. 27 – Natural Gas Service

The Company has attached for electronic filing with the Commission are the following revised tariff sheets:

Thirty-Sixth Revision Sheet 150	canceling	Thirty- Fifth Revision Sheet 150
Twenty-Eighth Revision Sheet 155	canceling	Twenty- Seventh Revision Sheet 155

The Company requests that the proposed tariff sheets be made effective November 1, 2026. These tariff sheets reflect the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"). If approved, the Company's annual revenue will decrease by approximately \$2.5 million or approximately 3.0%. The proposed changes have no effect on the Company's earnings. Detailed information related to the Company's request was filed electronically along with the attached Application and supporting workpapers.

If the PGA filing is approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using an average of 66 therms per month would see their monthly bills decrease from \$58.56 to \$56.96, a decrease of \$1.60 per month, or approximately 2.7%. The proposed natural gas rate changes would be effective November 1, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2567.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick D. Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AVISTA UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER APPROVING)
A CHANGE IN RATES FOR PURCHASED GAS) CASE: AVU-G-26-03
COSTS AND AMORTIZATION OF GAS-RELATED)
DEFERRAL BALANCES)

This application (“Application”) is hereby made to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for an Order approving a revised schedule of rates and charges for natural gas service in the state of Idaho. The Applicant requests that the proposed rates included in this Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (“PGA”) filing be made effective on November 1, 2026. If approved as filed, the Company’s annual revenue will decrease by approximately \$2.5 million or 3.0%. In support of this Application, Applicant states as follows:

I.

The name of the Applicant is AVISTA CORPORATION, doing business as AVISTA UTILITIES (hereinafter “Avista”, “Applicant” or “Company”), a Washington corporation, whose principal business office is 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, and is qualified to do business in the state of Idaho. Applicant maintains district offices in Moscow, Lewiston, Coeur d’Alene, Sandpoint, and Kellogg, Idaho. Communications in reference to this Application should be addressed to:

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II.

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III.

The Applicant is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas in certain portions of Northern Idaho, Eastern and Central Washington, and Southwestern and Northeastern Oregon, and further engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington.

IV.

Thirty-Sixth Revision Sheet 150, which Applicant requests the Commission approve, is filed herewith as Exhibit "A". Additionally, Twenty-Eighth Revision Sheet 155, which Applicant requests the Commission approve, is also filed herewith as Exhibit "A". Also included in Exhibit "A" is a copy of Thirty-Sixth Revision Sheet 150 and Twenty-Eighth Revision Tariff Sheet 155 with the changes underlined and a copy of Thirty-Fifth Revision Sheet 150 and Twenty-Seventh Revision Tariff Sheet 155 with the proposed changes shown by lining over the current language or rates.

V.

The existing rates and charges for natural gas service on file with the Commission and designated as Applicant's Tariff IPUC No. 27, which will be superseded by the rates and charges filed herewith, are incorporated herein as though fully attached hereto.

VI.

Notice to the Public of Applicant's proposed tariffs is to be given simultaneously with the filing of this Application by posting, at each of the Company's district offices in Idaho, a Notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by means of a press release distributed to various informational agencies, a draft copy attached hereto in Exhibit "C". In addition, Exhibit "C" to this Application also contains the form of customer notice that the Company will send to its customers in its monthly bills in the August timeframe.

VII.

The circumstances and conditions relied on for approval of Applicant's revised rates are as follows: Applicant purchases natural gas for customer usage and transports it over Williams Northwest Pipeline, Gas Transmission Northwest ("GTN"), TC Energy - Alberta, TC Energy - BC, and Enbridge Energy Pipeline systems, and defers the effect of timing differences due to implementation of rate changes and differences between Applicant's actual weighted average cost of gas ("WACOG") purchased and the WACOG embedded in rates. Applicant also defers various pipeline refunds or charges and miscellaneous revenue received from natural gas related transactions including pipeline capacity releases. Workpapers for all proposed Commodity, Demand and Amortization costs are provided with this filing as Exhibit "D".

VIII.

This filing reflects the Company's proposed annual PGA to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the period of November 2026 through October 2027 (Schedule 150), and 2) revise

the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas costs (Schedule 155). Below is a table summarizing the proposed rate changes reflected in this filing:

	Sch.	Commodity Change	Demand Change	Total Sch. 150 Change	Amortization Change	Total PGA Rate Change
<u>Service</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>per therm</u>	<u>per therm</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>per therm</u>	<u>per therm</u>
General	101	\$ (0.04529)	\$ 0.00995	\$ (0.03534)	\$ 0.01113	\$ (0.02421)
Lg. General	111	\$ (0.04529)	\$ 0.00995	\$ (0.03534)	\$ 0.01113	\$ (0.02421)
Lg General	112	\$ (0.04529)	\$ 0.00995	\$ (0.03534)	\$ -	\$ (0.03534)
Interruptible	131	\$ (0.04529)	\$ -	\$ (0.04529)	\$ -	\$ (0.04529)
Transportation	146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

IX.

Schedule 150 / Purchase Gas Cost - Commodity Costs

As shown in the table above, the estimated WACOG change is a decrease of \$0.04529 per therm; the proposed WACOG of \$0.16619 per therm compared to the present WACOG of \$0.21148 per therm included in rates. The decrease is a result of current forward prices being lower as compared to when the Company filed its PGA in the prior year.

Natural gas commodity prices this past year, in the Pacific Northwest, were generally lower as winter loads came in lighter than forecast as temperatures remained elevated, which ultimately reduced customer demand. As a result, the region exited winter with healthy storage supplies that have carried over to this spring. The region's largest supply points, Sumas and AECO, have continued to trade at a discount to Henry Hub, the national natural gas benchmark. Supply has been plentiful to meet demand for the region and pipeline flows have been uninhibited for much of the typical maintenance season. A fundamental change to the region is the addition of LNG Canada. This liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility located near the coast of British Columbia is a new source of demand for the region. With offtake nearing 2 Bcf/day, LNG Canada has contributed to an elevated price floor for daily pricing at AECO. As such, pricing has not dipped as low as we have seen in spring and summer periods in past years and could signal a material change in regional market dynamics.

Looking toward the upcoming winter of 2026-2027, national fundamentals look balanced as production has remained stable, LNG offtake has increased as expected, and storage is currently at levels slightly above the 5-year rolling average. Conflicts in the Middle East have created some volatility in gas markets, but that has largely been relegated to the international LNG markets and not national prices, as LNG output is already maximized within the United States. Regionally, storage is above the 5-year rolling range for the West, and with pipeline flows having been generally uninhibited, we have seen a convergence of winter strip (November – March) pricing in the Pacific Northwest. Currently the region is on a healthy, well-supplied path towards the winter season ahead.

Avista has been hedging natural gas on both a periodic and discretionary basis throughout the previous thirty-six (36) months for the forthcoming PGA year. Approximately 34% of the annual load requirements for this year's PGA period (November 2026 through October 2027) have been hedged at a fixed price derived from the Company's plan. Through June, the hedge volumes for the PGA period have been executed at a weighted average price of \$2.61 per dekatherm (\$0.26065 per therm).

Available underground storage capacity at the Jackson Prairie Natural Gas Storage Facility represents approximately 20% of annual load requirements (27% of load requirements during the November to March withdrawal period). The estimated WACOG for all storage volumes is \$1.15 per dekatherm (\$0.1147 per therm). The Company utilizes its underground storage to capture seasonal price spreads (differentials), improve the reliability of supply, increase operational flexibility and mitigate peak demand price spikes.

The Company used a 30-day historical average of AECO forward prices (ending June 30, 2026) to develop an estimated cost associated with index purchases. These index purchases represent approximately 46% of estimated annual load requirements for the coming year. The annual weighted average price for these volumes is \$1.87 per dekatherm (\$0.1874 per therm).

X.

Schedule 150 / Purchase Gas Cost - Demand Costs

Demand costs reflect the cost of pipeline transportation to the Company's system, as well as fixed costs associated with natural gas storage. As shown in the table above, demand costs are expected to increase for residential customers by approximately \$0.00995 per therm. This increase is related to a variety of factors including Canadian exchange rate, updated demand forecast, and new pipeline rates in effect during the upcoming PGA year.

XI.

Schedule 155 / Amortization Rate Change

As shown in the table above, the proposed amortization rate change for Schedule 101 and Schedule 111 is an increase in revenue of \$0.01113 per therm. The current rate applicable to Schedule 101 and Schedule 111 is \$0.06278 per therm in the rebate direction; the proposed rate is \$0.05165 per therm in the rebate direction.

In this PGA filing, the Company has used the deferral and amortization balances as of June 30, 2026, inclusive of the residual amortization balance from the prior PGA, and proposed amortizing the balance over twelve (12) months which is consistent with historical PGA filings. The Company included forecasted amortization of the prior year rebate deferral balance from July 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026 being collected through Schedule 155, which increased the balance to be collected in the upcoming PGA year by approximately \$1.0 million. The result is an amortization rate to rebate approximately \$5.2 million to customers. On a per therm basis, the net impact of the expiring amortization rebate and the new amortization rebate is a change in the amortization rate of \$0.01113 per therm.

XII.

If this Application and associated tariffs are approved as filed, the Company's annual revenue will decrease by approximately \$2.5 million or 3.0% effective November 1, 2026. Residential or small commercial customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see a decrease of \$1.60 per month, or approximately 2.7%. The present bill for 66 therms is \$58.56 while the proposed bill is \$56.96.

XIII.

Exhibit "D" attached hereto contains support workpapers for the Proposed Tariff Rates proposed by Applicant contained in Exhibit "A".

XIV.

Avista requests that the rates proposed in this filing be approved to become effective on November 1, 2026, and requests that the matter be processed under the Commission's Modified Procedure rules through the use of written comments. Avista stands ready for immediate consideration on this Application.

XV.

WHEREFORE, Avista requests the Commission issue its Order finding its proposed rates to be fair, just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory, and to become effective for all natural gas service on and after November 1, 2026. The overall decrease is approximately \$2.5 million or 3.0%. The Company requests that the matter be processed under the Commission's Modified Procedure rules through the use of written comments.

Dated at Spokane, Washington, this 31st day of July 2026.

AVISTA UTILITIES
BY

/s/ Patrick D. Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Avista Corporation

AVISTA UTILITIES

Case No. AVU-G-26-03

EXHIBIT “A”

Proposed Tariff Sheets

AVISTA CORPORATION
d/b/a Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 150
PURCHASE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To pass through changes in costs resulting from purchasing and transporting natural gas, to become effective as noted below.

RATE:

- (a) The retail rates of firm gas Schedules 101, 111 and 112 are to be increased by 27.594¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by 16.619¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate for transportation under Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE GAS COST:

The above rate changes are based on the following weighted average cost of gas per therm as of the effective date shown below:

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	10.975¢	16.619¢	27.594¢
Schedules 111 and 112	10.975¢	16.619¢	27.594¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	16.619¢	16.619¢

The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	10.927¢	16.547¢	27.474¢
Schedules 111 and 112	10.927¢	16.547¢	27.474¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	16.547¢	16.547¢

The above amounts do not include a gross revenue factor.

BALANCING ACCOUNT:

The Company will maintain a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account whereby monthly entries into this Balancing Account will be made to reflect differences between the actual purchased gas costs collected from customers and the actual purchased gas costs incurred by the Company. Those differences are then collected from or refunded to customers under Schedule 155 – Gas Rate Adjustment.

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SCHEDULE 150
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APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To pass through changes in costs resulting from purchasing and transporting natural gas, to become effective as noted below.

RATE:

- (a) The retail rates of firm gas Schedules 101, 111 and 112 are to be increased by ~~31.128¢~~ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by ~~21.148¢~~ per therm.
- (c) The rate for transportation under Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE GAS COST:

The above rate changes are based on the following weighted average cost of gas per therm as of the effective date shown below:

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	9.980¢	21.148¢	31.128¢
Schedules 111 and 112	9.980¢	21.148¢	31.128¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	21.148¢	21.148¢

The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	9.937¢	21.056¢	30.993¢
Schedules 111 and 112	9.937¢	21.056¢	30.993¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	21.056¢	21.056¢

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	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	<u>10.975¢</u>	<u>16.619¢</u>	<u>27.594¢</u>
Schedules 111 and 112	<u>10.975¢</u>	<u>16.619¢</u>	<u>27.594¢</u>
Schedules 131 and 132	<u>0.000¢</u>	<u>16.619¢</u>	<u>16.619¢</u>

The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.

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Schedules 101	<u>10.927¢</u>	<u>16.547¢</u>	<u>27.474¢</u>
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SCHEDULE 155
GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

AVAILABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To adjust gas rates for amounts generated by the sources listed below.

MONTHLY RATE:

- (a) The rates of firm gas Schedules 101 and 111 are to be **decreased** by 5.165¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rate of interruptible gas Schedule 131 is to be **decreased** by 0.000¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate of transportation gas Schedule 146 is to be **decreased** by 0.000¢ per therm.

SOURCES OF MONTHLY RATE:

Changes in the monthly rates above result from amounts which have been accumulated in the Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account as described in Schedule 150 – Purchase Gas Cost Adjustment.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The above Monthly Rate is subject to the provisions of Tax Adjustment Schedule 158.

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SCHEDULE 155
GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

AVAILABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To adjust gas rates for amounts generated by the sources listed below.

MONTHLY RATE:

- (a) The rates of firm gas Schedules 101 and 111 are to be decreased by ~~6.278¢~~ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rate of interruptible gas Schedule 131 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate of transportation gas Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

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