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Commission Secretary State of Idaho Idaho Public Utilities Commission 11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Building 8, Suite 201-A Boise, Idaho 83714

Case No. AVU-G-23-06

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-Third Revision Sheet 150	canceling	Thirty-Second Revision Sheet 150
Twenty-Fifth Revision Sheet 155	canceling	Twenty-Fourth Revision Sheet 155

The Company requests that the proposed tariff sheets be made effective November 1, 2023. These tariff sheets reflect the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"). If approved, the Company's annual revenue will *increase* by approximately \$5.4 million or approximately 5.0%. 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 64 therms per month would see their monthly bills <u>increase</u> from \$74.62 to \$78.16, an increase of \$3.54 per month, or approximately 4.7%. The proposed natural gas rate changes would be effective November 1, 2023.

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 I.P.U.C. No.27

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 37.718¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by 28.834¢ 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	8.884¢	28.834¢	37.718¢		
Schedules 111 and 112	8.884¢	28.834¢	37.718¢		
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	28.834¢	28.834¢		
The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.					

	Demand	Commodity	Total		
Schedules 101	8.850¢	28.725¢	37.575¢		
Schedules 111 and 112	8.850¢	28.725¢	37.575¢		
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	28.725¢	28.725¢		
The above amounts do not include a gross revenue factor					

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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 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 increased by 25.281¢ 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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Important Notice for Idaho Customers (September 2023)

Avista has filed a rate adjustment request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that, if approved, is designed to increase overall natural gas revenue by approximately \$5.4 million or 5.0% effective Nov. 1, 2023. This filing has no impact on Avista's earnings.

This adjustment is related to the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) filing. The PGA is filed each year to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount included in rates. This includes the natural gas commodity cost as well as the cost to transport natural gas on interstate pipelines to Avista's local distribution system. The increase is primarily driven by the increase in wholesale natural gas costs that were higher than the level included in rates during the past year. If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase annual natural gas revenues by approximately \$5.4 million or 5.0%.

Customer Bills

Natural Gas

If the natural gas PGA (AVU-G-06) filing is approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using an average of 64 therms per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$74.62 to \$78.16, an increase of \$3.54 per month, or approximately 4.7%. The proposed natural gas rate changes would be effective Nov. 1, 2023.

The net effect, on an annual revenue basis, for the requested natural gas rate changes by rate schedule are:

General Service - Schedule 101	4.7%
Large General Service - Schedules 111 & 112	6.3%
Transportation Service - Schedule 146	0.0%
Overall	5.0%

Rate Application Procedure

The Company's applications are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. Copies of the applications are available for public review at the offices of both the Commission and Avista, and on the Commission's website (<u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>). Customers may file with the Commission written comments related to the Company's filings. Customers may also subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed (<u>http://www.puc.idaho.gov/rssfeeds/rss.htm</u>) to receive periodic updates via e-mail about the case. Copies of rate filings are also available on our website, <u>www.myavista.com/rates</u>.

If you would like to submit comments on the proposed rate change, you can do so by going to the Commission website puc.idaho.gov/Form/CaseComment or mailing comments to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

When filing comments reference the appropriate Case Number.

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