

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 493

RESIDENTIAL LOW INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP)-
OREGON

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to adjust rates in Schedule 410 – General Residential Natural Gas Service – Oregon, to generate funds to be used for bill payment assistance for Avista’s qualifying low-income residential customers, in accordance with ORS 757.315.

APPLICABLE:

To all residential Customers in the State of Oregon where the Company has natural gas service available. This Residential Low Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) Adjustment is applicable to all residential customers taking service under Schedule 410.

MONTHLY RATE:

With Gross Revenue Factor: \$.00451 per therm
Without Gross Revenue Factor: \$.00438 per therm

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Each month, the Company will bill and collect low-income bill payment assistance funds from all Residential Customers. By the 10th of the month following the billing month, using the Company’s internal cashless voucher system, the Company will determine and send the monthly voucher amount showing the Program funds available to each participating Community Action Agency (“Agencies”). By the 20th of the month following the billing month, the Company will remit payment to each Agency for allowed administrative and program delivery costs. Each Agency will process client intake, authorize payments, and provide the Company with a payment report. Based on this payment report, the Company will transfer the authorized payments to the individual customer’s utility account. (T)
2. The Company will compute interest each month based on the average monthly fund balance undistributed at the company’s currently authorized rate of return. (M)
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- 3. The Company is responsible for program administration and funds distribution to qualifying local Agencies in accordance with terms and conditions ("Guidelines") established by the Company and the entity. All funds collected under this program, less program administration and delivery costs paid to the individual agencies and \$15,000 in outreach funding to the Company, are distributed to income-eligible Residential Customers of Avista Utilities. (M)
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- 4. Total Agencies' program administration and delivery costs shall not exceed 21 percent of the total low-income bill payment assistance funds collected. Utilization of program administration and delivery costs will be summarized in the annual evaluation report described herein (Special Condition 6). (N)
- 5. Customer eligibility for LIRAP is determined in cooperation with the Agencies and captured in the LIRAP Guidelines, including eligibility and administration of the LIRAP Arrearage Management Plan (AMP). (T)
- 6. The Company will provide an annual summary evaluation report on the progress of the LIRAP for review by the Commission by December 31st following the end of each program year. (N)
- 7. The LIRAP program year is October 1st through September 30th. (N)

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Service under this schedule is subject to the General Rules and Regulations contained in the tariff of which this schedule is a part, and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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