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Advice No. 21-06-G/ UG-415 (Regulatory Commission Fees)

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE
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Salem, OR 97301

Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to Docket UM 2053, ORS 757.259 and ORS 860-027-0300, Avista Utilities hereby electronically submits the following tariff applicable to its Oregon natural gas operations, along with a copy of its supporting workpapers, related to Avista's deferral of the change in commission fees:

First Revision Sheet 482 canceling Original Sheet 482

In Docket No UM 2053 the Company was approved to defer the difference between the Commission Fees Rate embedded in base rates and the anticipated increase in regulatory fees. On October 16, 2020, the Commission Order No. 20-354 in UG-395, approved the Company's request to amortize the increase in regulatory fees paid in 2020. The Company began amortizing the balance effective November 1, 2020, and at the end of June 2021, is forecasting a rebate balance of approximately \$3,486. With this filing the Company proposes to recover the difference between the 0.35 percent embedded in customers' rates, and the new rate of 0.375 percent, approved in UM 1012, less the forecasted rebate balance. The proposed tariff amortization rate is designed to collect approximately \$33,000, compared to approximately \$84,000 under current rates, a decrease of \$51,000 or .05 percent, inclusive of the gross revenue factor and interest. The following table represents the individual rate schedules:

Rate <u>Schedule</u>	Current Amortization <u>Rates</u>	Proposed Amortization <u>Rate</u>
410 -444	\$0.00079	\$0.00031
456	\$0.00008	\$0.00003

In Docket No. UG-389, the Commission approved the addition of two new transportation rate schedule options, Schedules 425 and 439. As described in the pre-filed testimony of Company witness Mr. Miller, for purposes of all “adder schedule filings” (DSM, Decoupling, LIRAP, etc.), Schedule 425 will be grouped with Schedule 424, and Schedule 439 will be grouped with Schedule 440. The Company is adding these schedules to the tariff sheet in this filing. There are currently no customers taking service under Schedule 425 or 439.

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by this filing, the annual revenue before and after the impact of the rate change, and the average monthly use and resulting bills under existing and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Schedule 410	93,280
Schedule 420	11,949
Schedule 424	90
Schedule 425	0
Schedule 439	0
Schedule 440	38
Schedule 444	3
Schedule 456	31

Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Monthly Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Monthly Change	Proposed Change to Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 69,254,524	\$ 69,228,719	\$ (25,805)	-0.04%	48	\$ 61.78	\$ 61.76	\$ (0.02)	-0.030%
420	General	\$ 30,885,552	\$ 30,871,641	\$ (13,911)	-0.05%	202	\$ 215.29	\$ 215.19	\$ (0.10)	-0.050%
424	Large General	\$ 2,076,450	\$ 2,074,386	\$ (2,064)	-0.10%	4,003	\$ 1,933.45	\$ 1,931.53	\$ (1.92)	-0.100%
440	Interruptible	\$ 4,203,355	\$ 4,195,897	\$ (7,458)	-0.18%	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.000%
444	Seasonal	\$ 109,100	\$ 108,996	\$ (104)	-0.10%	6,557	\$ 3,305.91	\$ 3,302.76	\$ (3.15)	-0.100%
447	Special Contracts	\$ 276,562	\$ 276,562	\$ -	0.00%	272,604	\$ 11,522.97	\$ 11,522.97	\$ -	0.000%
456	Int. Transportation	\$ 3,086,811	\$ 3,084,997	\$ (1,814)	-0.06%	97,590	\$ 8,298.08	\$ 8,293.20	\$ (4.88)	-0.060%
Total		\$ 109,892,354	\$ 109,841,198	\$ (51,156)	-0.05%					



After combining the impact of this filing with the four other regulatory filings, which also have a November 1, 2021 effective date¹, a residential customer using an average of 48 therms a month could expect their bill to *increase* by \$3.15, or 5.1 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$64.93 effective November 1, 2021.

The Company will provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement both now and following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2567 or marcus.garbarino@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,



Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

¹ On July 30, 2021, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2021 Schedules 461 Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment and 462 Gas Cost Rate Adjustment (Advice No. 21-04-G), Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 21-03-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 21-05-G), Schedule 478 Demand Side Management (Advice No. 21-07-G), and Schedule 482 Regulatory Fee Amortization (Advice No. 21-06-G). The net effect of all filings is a revenue increase of approximately \$8.1 million or 7.4%.

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 482**REGULATORY FEE AMORTIZATION- OREGON**

APPLICABLE: Adjustments under this schedule are applicable to all bills calculated under all schedules of this Tariff.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this schedule is to recover the difference between the 0.35 percent embedded in customers' rates and the new rate of 0.375 percent approved in UM 1012:

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MONTHLY RATE: The Commodity Charge per therm of the individual rate schedules are to be adjusted by the following amounts:

Rate Schedule	Rate
Schedule 410	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 424	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 425	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 439	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 440	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.00031 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00002 per Therm

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: This schedule is subject to the General Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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