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Public Utilities Commission of Oregon  
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**Advice No. 25-07-G / ADV 1756 - Climate Protection Program Adjustment Filing**

Attn: Filing Center

Attached for electronic filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) is the proposed tariff revisions of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company) to recover the costs of compliance with the Climate Protection Program (CPP), requesting the following tariff sheet becomes effective October 31, 2025:

**New**  
**Original Sheet 463**

**I. BACKGROUND**

On November 22, 2024, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) adopted CPP rules that took effect on January 1, 2025 (OAR 340-273-0010 – 9000). Because Avista must comply with the adopted CPP rules, it sought approval to defer CPP compliance costs, which may include energy efficiency services for transport customers offered through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), introduction of renewable and alternative low carbon fuels, or purchasing Community Climate Investments (CCI), as well as any additional costs the Company may incur to comply with OAR 340-273. On February 19, 2025, the Commission approved of Avista's deferral application by way of Order No. 25-065 in docket UM 2361.

**II. 2025 CPP COMPLIANCE COSTS**

In 2025, Avista's CPP compliance costs consisted only of costs to offer a transport energy efficiency program through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO). ETO first began offering a transport energy efficiency program in 2023 under the first version of the CPP. In 2024, after the CPP rules were repealed, ETO continued to offer a transport energy efficiency program, as agreed

to by Avista, OPUC Staff, ETO, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC). The 2023 program expenses were included in Avista's most recent general rate case, Docket UG 519, and recovered from all customers. The 2024 program expenses are currently being recovered through the Company's Public Purpose tariff rider from only transport customers. At the end of 2025, the Company will file the Public Purpose rate tariff (Schedule 469) to ensure the rate assessed to transport customers will go to \$0.0000 per therm and any residual balance remaining will be handled in a future filing.

For 2025, the ETO program budget for the transport energy efficiency program is \$638k, with potential reserves of up to \$160k if needed. Avista makes fixed monthly payments to ETO based on the \$638k budget. The fixed payments are then deferred with interest to be recovered in the future.

### **III. PROPOSED CPP RATE ADJUSTMENT**

This filing constitutes the establishment of Schedule 463, the Company's CPP cost recovery tariff. Because all customers benefit from the decarbonization of transport customers use, the Company proposes that all customers pay for the program, similar to any other CPP compliance pathway the Company may undertake in the future.

If approved, a residential customer using an average of 46 therms a month could expect their bill to increase by \$0.23 or 0.3%, for a revised monthly bill of \$68.65 effective October 31, 2025. However, after combining the impact of this filing with the other regulatory filings with an October 31, 2025 effective date<sup>1</sup>, a residential customer using an average of 46 therms a month could expect their bill to increase by \$2.85, or 4.2%, for a revised monthly bill of \$71.28 effective October 31, 2025.

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by the filing, and the annual revenue before and after the impact of the proposed rate change, are as follows:

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Present Revenue</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Proposed Revenue</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Customers</b>
410/411	\$ 78,957,314	\$ 260,307	\$ 79,217,621	0.3%	95,714
420	\$ 37,691,615	\$ 147,038	\$ 37,838,653	0.4%	11,975
424/425	\$ 2,597,250	\$ 26,200	\$ 2,623,450	1.0%	100
439/440	\$ 6,636,641	\$ 110,170	\$ 6,746,811	1.7%	48
444	\$ 86,947	\$ 843	\$ 87,790	1.0%	2
456	\$ 2,817,427	\$ 142,776	\$ 2,960,203	5.1%	29
	<b>\$ 128,787,194</b>	<b>\$ 687,334</b>	<b>\$ 129,474,528</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> On July 31, 2025, Avista filed to update effective October 31, 2025 Schedules 461 Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment and 462 Gas Cost Rate Adjustment (Advice No. 25-02-G), Schedule 463 CPP (Advice No. 25-07-G), Schedule 467 COVID Deferred Costs (Advice No. 25-08-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 25-03-G), Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 25-04-G), Schedule 482 Regulatory Fee Amortization (Advice No. 25-05-G), and Schedule 493 LIRAP (Advice No. 25-06-G). The net effect of all filings is a revenue increase of approximately \$6.8 million or 5.3%.

### **3% Annual Rate Impact Test**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, the overall annual average rate impact of the amortizations authorized under the statutes may not exceed three percent of the natural gas utility's gross revenues for the proceeding calendar year, unless the Commission finds that allowing a higher amortization rate is reasonable under the circumstances. Total gross revenue for calendar year 2024 was \$144,378,437 and total amortizations resulting from this filing is \$687,334. The resulting annual average rate impact from this amortization is 0.5%. Including the effect of the Company's other amortization rates effective coincident with this filing, the resulting annual average rate impact from the Company's qualifying amortization is (7.8)%. Please see Attachment C of the Company's PGA workpapers in Advice No. 25-02-G for a detailed calculation, and applicable amortization schedules, for the 3% test.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Avista respectfully requests that the tariff changes proposed for Schedule 463 be effective for service rendered on and after October 31, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509) 495-2782 or [shawn.bonfield@avistacorp.com](mailto:shawn.bonfield@avistacorp.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Shawn Bonfield*

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AVISTA CORPORATION  
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## SCHEDULE 463

## CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRAM COST RECOVERY - OREGON

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the costs of complying with the Oregon Climate Protection Program (CPP).

## APPLICABLE:

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

## MONTHLY RATE:

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

<b><u>Rate Schedule</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Schedule 410/411	\$0.00490 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.00490 per Therm
Schedule 424/425	\$0.00490 per Therm
Schedule 439/440	\$0.00490 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.00490 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00490 per Therm

## 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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Issued by Avista Utilities  
By

Patrick Ehrbar, Director of Regulatory Affairs

