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Advice No. 19-06-G/ UG-384 (Demand Side Management)

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to Docket UM 1759, ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259(5), 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 Demand Side Management (DSM) Deferral balance.

Eleventh Revision Sheet 478 canceling Tenth Revision Sheet 478

Background

On October 18, 2016, the Commission in Order No. 16-393 in Docket No. UG-317 approved the Company's request to recover from customers approximately \$1.5 million related to administering the Company's DSM programs for the July 2015 through April 2016 time period. Effective May 1, 2016, pursuant to Docket No. UG-288, the Company no longer deferred costs associated with the delivery of the Company's DSM program under Schedule 478. Rather, the Company now collects from customers through Schedule 469 the funds required by the Energy Trust of Oregon to administer the majority of the Company's DSM programs.

The Company began amortizing the DSM balance associated with the previous deferrals effective November 1, 2016, and at the end of June 2017 the entire balance was forecast to have been fully amortized by October 31, 2017. As such, rates set forth in this schedule were set at \$0.00000/therm effective November 1, 2017. However, due to load variation between forecast and actual, a rebate balance of approximately \$160,000 remained in the deferral at the end of October, 2017. In Docket No. UG-362, the Commission approved the Company's request to recover this residual balance effective November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019. The Company

is projecting this balance will be fully recovered and is therefore requesting that the rebate rate of \$0.00190 be set to zero effective November 1, 2019.

The proposed amortization rate change inclusive of the gross revenue factor, is as follows:

Rate <u>Schedule</u>	Current Amortization <u>Rates</u>	Proposed Amortization <u>Rate</u>
410, 420, 424, 444	(\$0.00190)	\$0.00000

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	92,202
Schedule 420	11,877
Schedule 424	91
Schedule 444	4

Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Change to Monthly Cost	% Change Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 53,596,121	\$ 53,693,658	\$ 97,537	0.2%	46	\$ 48.11	\$ 48.20	\$ 0.09	0.2%
420	General	\$ 24,771,096	\$ 24,824,324	\$ 53,228	0.2%	197	\$ 174.15	\$ 174.53	\$ 0.38	0.2%
424	Large General	\$ 1,798,192	\$ 1,806,501	\$ 8,309	0.5%	3,990	\$ 1,640.57	\$ 1,648.15	\$ 7.58	0.5%
444	Seasonal	\$ 91,583	\$ 91,987	\$ 404	0.4%	4,087	\$ 1,761.21	\$ 1,768.98	\$ 7.77	0.4%

After combining the impact of this filing with the four other regulatory filings, which also have a November 1, 2019 effective date¹, a residential customer using an average of 46 therms a month could expect their bill to *increase* by \$5.07, or 10.5 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$53.18 effective November 1, 2019.

The Company will issue a media release coincident with the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (“PGA”) filing and provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

¹ On July 31, 2019, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2019 Schedule 461/462 PGA (Advice No. 19-04-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 19-05-G), Schedule 484 Bank Fee Free (Advice No. 19-07-G), and Rate Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 19-03-G). The net effect of all filings is a revenue increase of approximately \$8.3 million or 9.8%.



Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Annette Brandon at (509) 495-4324.

Sincerely,

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Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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Demand Side Management

Tariff Sheet

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AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 478

DSM COST RECOVERY - 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 rebate the remaining deferral balance associated with the prudent investment costs associated with OPUC-approved Demand Side Management (DSM) Programs previously administered by the Company.

MONTHLY RATE:

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

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.00000 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.00000 per Therm
Schedule 424	\$0.00000 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.00000 per Therm

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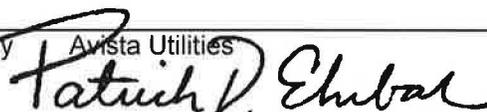
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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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November 1, 2019

Issued by Avista Utilities
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