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September 2, 2022

Ms. Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service
Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Attached for electronic filing with the Commission is the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective November 1, 2022:

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The proposed tariff sheet reflects a rate adjustment to increase the rebate related to Residential Exchange Program benefits the Company receives from the Bonneville Power Administration. The Residential Exchange Program provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor utilities of the Pacific Northwest including Avista.

Under the current Residential Exchange rate adjustment, approximately \$10.7 million annually is being passed through to applicable customers through a uniform 0.417¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit. The current rate was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission effective November 1, 2021.

The proposed rate credit of 0.426¢ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through approximately \$11.0 million which represents the Washington portion of the annual level of benefits Avista will receive starting in October 2022. The Company is therefore proposing an overall revenue decrease of \$0.2 million or 0.1%. The change in rate credit has no effect on Avista's net income.

Enclosed is a set of workpapers that shows the derivation of the proposed 0.426¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit proposed to be effective November 1, 2022. The average residential customer using 914 kWhs per month will see a decrease of \$0.08 per month, or approximately 0.1%. The present

bill for 914 kWhs is \$85.07 while the proposed bill is \$84.99. The actual decrease will vary based on customer usage.

The Company has included workpapers with its filing which supports the Company's request. Also, the Company has provided in this filing a copy of its customer notice which will be included as a bill insert in the September – October time frame. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Tia Benjamin at (509) 495-2225.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 59

RESIDENTIAL AND FARM ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT - WASHINGTON

APPLICABLE:

To Residential Customers in the State of Washington where Company has electric service available. This rate adjustment results from an Agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) covering Residential Exchange Program benefits. The rate adjustment in this schedule shall be applicable to customers served under Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32 and 48.

MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges for all blocks of electric Schedules 1, 12, 22 and 32 and the charges for area lights based on the energy usages of the lights on Schedule 48 are to be decreased by 0.426¢ per kWh.

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The rate adjustment under this schedule is subject to revision to reflect the true up from estimated to actual benefits and to reflect projected future benefits. In the event the credits applied under this schedule vary from the benefits, the Company will adjust the rate on this schedule to recover or pass through that difference. The carrying charge on the Residential Exchange deferral balance is a money market carrying charge.

The energy credit applied to Schedule 32 for farm irrigation and pumping load, for each billing period, shall not exceed the amount of energy determined by the following formula:

$$400 \times 0.746 \times \text{days in the billing period} \times 24$$

In no instance shall any qualifying irrigation and pumping load for any month exceed 222,000 kWh.

Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff.

The above rate is subject to the provisions of Tax Adjustment Schedule 58.

Issued September 2, 2022

Effective November 1, 2022

Issued by Avista Corporation
By

Patrick Ehrbar – Director of Regulatory Affairs



Important Notice for Washington Electric and Natural Gas Customers September-October 2022

On September 2, 2022, Avista filed its annual Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Residential Exchange Program, Wildfire Expense Balancing Account, and Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment filings with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission). If approved, new rates would take effect Nov. 1, 2022

The first rate adjustment, the BPA Residential Exchange Program, provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small farm customers of the investor-owned utilities in the Pacific Northwest, including Avista. Avista applies the benefits it receives to qualifying customers as a credit in their monthly electric rates. Due to fluctuations in usage, Avista rebated to customers a level of benefits that was slightly lower than the level of benefits received from BPA. Through this filing Avista is seeking to slightly increase the level of benefits provided to qualifying customers in order to return the under-rebated balance. As a result, the proposed revenue decrease for these customers is approximately \$0.2 million, or 0.1%.

The second, Wildfire Expense Balancing Account, tracks the difference in wildfire expenses incurred by Avista to address the growing frequency of extreme and dangerous wildfires in Avista's service territory to the base expense approved by the Commission. The difference is rebated to or collected from customers through Schedule 88 – Wildfire Expense Balancing Account. The rate increase proposed reflects the higher level of expense incurred above the approved amount. If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase natural gas revenues by \$5.1 million or 0.9%.

The third rate adjustment is Avista's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA). PGAs are 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 proposed rate increase is primarily due to increased wholesale natural gas costs during the past year which were higher than the amount collected through rates. If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase natural gas revenues by \$25.0 million or 12.3%.

Change in Rates - If approved by the Commission, residential electric customers in Washington using an average of 932 kilowatt hours/month would see their monthly bills change from \$85.07 to \$85.87, an increase of \$0.80/month, or approximately 0.9%. Residential natural gas customers in Washington using an average of 67 therms per month would see their monthly bills change from \$72.66 to \$81.59, an increase of \$8.93 per month, or approximately 12.3%.

The percentage change varies by rate schedule and depends on how much energy a customer uses. If approved, customers would see the following rate adjustments:

Electric Rate Change

Proposed Schedule 1 Residential Rates (effective Nov. 1, 2022)

Electric Service	Current Billing Rate	Proposed Change	Proposed Billing Rates
Basic Charge	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$9.00
First 800 kWhs/month	\$0.07975/kWh	\$0.00086/kWh	\$0.08061/kWh
Next 700 kWhs/month	\$0.09299/kWh	\$0.00086/kWh	\$0.09385/kWh
Over 1,500 kWhs/month	\$0.10925/kWh	\$0.00086/kWh	\$0.11011/kWh

Proposed Electric Rate Change by Schedule (effective Nov. 1, 2022)

Schedule No.	Rate Schedule	% Change in Billed Revenue
1/2	Residential	0.9%
11/12/13	General Service	0.9%
21/22/23	Large General Service	0.9%
25/25I	Ex. Lg. General Service	0.9%
31/32	Pumping Service	0.9%
41-48	Street and Area Lights	0.9%
Overall		0.9%

Natural Gas Rate Change**Proposed Schedule 101 Rates (effective Nov. 1, 2022)**

Natural Gas Service	Current Billing Rate	Proposed Change	Proposed Billing Rates
Basic Charge	\$9.50	\$0.00	\$9.50
First 70 therms/month	\$0.94265/therm	\$0.13328/therm	\$1.07593/therm
Over 70 therms/month	\$1.06563/therm	\$0.13328/therm	\$1.19891/therm

Proposed Natural Gas Rate Increase by Schedule (effective Nov. 1, 2022)

Schedule No.	Rate Schedule	% Increase Billed Revenue
101/102	General Service	12.1%
111/112	Large General Service	14.4%
131/132	Interruptible Sales Service	3.5%
146	Transportation Service	0.0%
Overall		12.3%

The Company's request is a proposal, subject to public review and a Commission decision. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may vary from the utility's request, which may be either higher or lower depending on the results of the investigation. You may contact the UTC to inquire about the Commission process, or to be notified about the scheduled open meetings at which the proposal will be considered. You can contact the Commission to comment on Avista's rate proposals via email at comments@utc.wa.gov, by telephone at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882), via letter at: UTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250, or online at: www.utc.wa.gov. Copies of the applications are available for public review on the Commission website.

Copies of our filings are available for public review at www.myavista.com/rates or on the Commission website at www.utc.wa.gov. You can also submit written questions directly to the Company via mail at: 1411 E Mission Ave, C/O Regulatory Affairs, Spokane, WA 99202.

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