

AVISTA CORPORATION  
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SCHEDULE 165

CCA-FUNDED NATURAL GAS PILOT PROGRAMS

**1. PURPOSE**

To specify conditions applicable to the natural gas Pilot programs through which the Company will use revenues associated with allowances consigned to auction under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) for the benefit of natural gas customers, as authorized by RCW 70A.65.130(2)(b).

**2. AVAILABILITY**

Pilot programs described within this tariff are available to residential or small business natural gas Customers taking service under rate Schedule 101, subject to income qualification or identification as a member of, or organization providing benefits to, a Named Community, as described herein.

Income-qualified is defined as customers with a household income at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or 60% State Median Income (SMI), whichever is greater. Named Community is defined in accordance with the collective definitions of "Highly Impacted Community" and "Vulnerable Populations" within WAC 480-100-605.

**3. PILOT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

The following program options may be available for each household or organization based on specified income qualifications or Named Community association:

- a. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE – Provides a variety of fully-funded repairs needed to enable further weatherization and/or cost-effective efficiency upgrades within a household. Such repairs needed for purposes of health, safety, or maintenance may include (but are not limited to), minor roof repairs or replacement, ventilation remediation, moisture mitigation, or safety-related corrections. Available to income-qualified Customers.
- b. NAMED COMMUNITIES INVESTMENT FUND (NCIF) – Provides financial assistance for natural gas projects intended to improve the equitable distribution of energy and non-energy benefits to Named Communities. Fully funds incentives for non-cost effective measures located in, or providing benefits to, Named Communities. Mirrors the Company's existing electric NCIF for energy efficiency.

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- c. HOME INSULATION PROGRAM (HIP) – Provides low-cost or no-cost home insulation and/or air sealing to Customers in Named Communities. Supplements the Company's existing HIP.
- d. EQUIPMENT UPGRADES – Provides funding for high-efficiency equipment upgrades or replacements to income-qualified Customers or those in Named Communities. In instances where equipment is not fully funded, this offering may be combined with other programs or funding to enable low-cost or no-cost upgrades.

**4. GENERAL PROGRAM TERMS**

- a. Pilot programs may be administered in partnership with third-party implementors or existing Community Action Agencies contracted for providing weatherization services to Customers
- b. Program budgets will be established in coordination with the Company's Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) and Equity Advisory Group (EAG), with total Pilot funding subject to Commission approval.
- c. The Company may utilize up to fifteen percent (15%) of the annual Pilot budget for costs related to the administration and management of the programs.
- d. Pilot programs will be adaptively managed to refine outreach, delivery processes, or allocations among Pilot components, as appropriate, to better align available funding with realized customer demand and the objective of minimizing cost impacts for income qualified customers and customers in Named Communities.
- e. The Company will provide updates through periodic reports or other Commission-directed reporting and will consult with its EEAG (and provide updates to its EAG, as appropriate) regarding Pilot progress and results.

**5. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in the tariff of which this schedule is a part, WN-U29, and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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