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Copies of our filings are available for public review at [www.myavista.com/rates](http://www.myavista.com/rates) or on the Commission website at [www.utc.wa.gov](http://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.

# 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%
25/251	Ex. Lg. General Service	0.9%
31/32	Pumping Service	0.9%
41-48	Street and Area Lights	0.9%
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

**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 Change by Schedule  
(effective Nov. 1, 2022)**

Schedule No.	Rate Schedule	% Change in 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%
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>12.3%</b>