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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Docket UG-210589 – Avista Utilities Tariff WN U-29, Schedule 192, Low Income Rate Assistance Program

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On July 30, 2021 Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or “the Company”) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission or UTC) proposed revisions to its natural gas tariff WN U-29, to update Schedule 192, “Low Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) funding in compliance with Order No. 09, in Docket UG-190335. After discussion with Commission Staff, the Company discovered that it had incorrectly removed balances related to its rate discount program in the annual true-up calculation. The Company proposes to correct those calculations in the enclosed substitute tariff revisions.

Avista requests the Commission approve the proposed increase in rates and charges in Schedule 192 with an effective date of October 1, 2021. The estimated annual revenue change associated with this filing is an increase of approximately \$0.4 million, or an increase of 0.2% in overall billed rates. The proposed rate increase will have an average monthly bill impact of \$0.13 for residential natural gas customers using 66 therms, or 0.2%. If approved, the average monthly bill would increase from \$57.16 to \$57.29.

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In support of these proposed changes, the Company has provided a substitute tariff sheet and workpapers supporting the changes. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs