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As a part of the Commission's order in Avista's 2015 general rate case, Avista is required to file revisions to increase LIRAP funding by 7 percent for the program year beginning Oct. 1, 2016 and annual funding increases through the program year beginning Oct 1, 2019, by August 15th of each year.

The overall rate increase to electric customers is approximately \$0.35 million, or an overall increase of approximately 0.1 percent. The overall rate increase to natural gas customers is approximately \$0.3 million, or an overall increase of approximately 0.2 percent.

For an electric residential customer using 938 kilowatt-hours per month, the increase is \$0.06 per month, or about 0.1%. For a natural gas residential customer using 65 therms per month, the increase is \$0.10 per month, or about 0.2%.

The Company's requests are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. You may contact the UTC at the following address: UTC, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250; or by e-mail at: comments@utc.wa.gov. Copies of the applications are available for public review at the offices of the Commission and the Company, as well as on our website at www.myavista.com/rates.

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