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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Attention: Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary

**TARIFF WN U-28, ELECTRIC SERVICE, and  
TARIFF WN U-29, NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

Avista Corporation (“Avista” or “the Company”) hereby submits the attached filing seeking Commission authorization to increase its rates and charges for its electric and natural gas services to its electric and natural gas customers in the state of Washington. In this filing the Company is proposing a Two-Year Rate Plan, which would begin with new rates effective April 1, 2020, and run through March 31, 2022. Avista is proposing electric and natural gas revenue increases to occur April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.

For the first year of the Rate Plan, Avista is proposing an overall increase in electric base revenues of \$45.8 million or 9.1%. On a billed revenue basis the increase in revenue is 8.8%. For the second year of the proposed Rate Plan, Avista is proposing an increase in billed electric revenues of \$18.9 million, or 3.3%, effective April 1, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

As it relates to natural gas, for the first year of the Rate Plan, Avista is proposing an overall increase in base revenues of \$12.9 million or 13.8%. On a billed revenue basis (including the cost of natural gas, upstream third-party owned transportation, and the effect of other tariffs), the increase in revenue is 10.1%. For the second year of the proposed Rate Plan, Avista is proposing an increase in natural gas billed revenues of \$6.5 million, or 4.6%, effective April 1, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The revenue increase for Year 2 of the Rate Plan is proposed to be implemented through a separate Tariff Schedule 96, and not through a change to base tariffs.

<sup>2</sup> The revenue increase for Year 2 of the Rate Plan is proposed to be implemented through a separate Tariff Schedule 196, and not through a change to base tariffs.

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As a part of the Rate Plan, if approved, Avista would not file another general rate case with rates effective prior to April 1, 2022.

The Company's request is based on a proposed rate of return of 7.52% with a common equity ratio of 50.0% and a 9.9% return on equity.

The Company is aware that new legislation is pending in the State of Washington that may have an impact on issues in this case-e.g., Colstrip and "used and useful" rate base. The Company does not object to processing this case under the precepts of the new legislation, if and when enacted, although the Company believes that its Rate Plan would pass muster under either the existing or new legislation.

The Company will be filing this week a Motion to Consolidate Docket UE-190222 relating to the rebate of ERM dollars, with this Docket, for reasons explained therein.

Additionally, Avista requests that the Commission **immediately suspend the operation of the general tariff revisions** included in this filing, and promptly set the matter for hearing, including the establishment of a prehearing conference, at the earliest possible date in accordance with WAC 480-07-440(1)(a). Please note that the Company has also simultaneously filed "Avista Corporation's Motion for a Protective Order Pursuant to WAC 480-07-420".

Service of documents pertaining to this filing should be to the following Avista Corporation representatives:

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Enclosed with this filing are an original and two copies of the following proposed tariff sheets, formatted with the coding required by WAC 480-80-105, and three copies in legislative format as required by WAC 480-07-510(2):

Tariff Sheets Pertaining to Rate Year 1

15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 1	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 1
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 11	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 11
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 21	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 21
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 25	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 25
11 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 25A	Canceling	Substitute 10 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 25A

15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 31	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 31
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 41	Canceling	Substitute 13 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 41
5 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 41A	Canceling	Substitute 4 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 41A
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 42	Canceling	Substitute 13 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 42
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 42A	Canceling	Substitute 7 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 42A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision Sheet 42B	Canceling	Substitute 1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 42B
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 44	Canceling	Substitute 13 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 44
5 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 44A	Canceling	Substitute 4 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 44A
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 45	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 45
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 46	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 46
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 46A	Canceling	Substitute Original Sheet 46A
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 47	Canceling	Substitute 13 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 47
15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 47A	Canceling	Substitute 14 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 47A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision Sheet 47B	Canceling	Substitute 1 <sup>st</sup> Sheet 47B
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 75A	Canceling	Original Sheet 75A
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 75B	Canceling	Original Sheet 75B
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 75C	Canceling	Original Sheet 75C
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision Sheet 75E	Canceling	1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 75E
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 101	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 101
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 111	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 111
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 112	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 112
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 116	Canceling	Original Sheet 116
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 131	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 131
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 132	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 132
16 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 146	Canceling	Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 146
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 175A	Canceling	Original Sheet 175A
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 175B	Canceling	Original Sheet 175B
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 175C	Canceling	Original Sheet 175C
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision Sheet 175E	Canceling	1 <sup>st</sup> Revision Sheet 175E

Tariff Sheets Pertaining to Rate Year 2

Original Sheet 96		
Original Sheet 196		

The Company also requests to withdraw the following tariff sheets:

Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 121
Substitute 5 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 121A
Substitute 15 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 122
Substitute 5 <sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet 122A
Original Sheet 126
Original Sheet 126A
Original Sheet 126B
Original Sheet 126C
Original Sheet 126D

As directed by the Commission, the Company has enclosed 5 copies of its prepared direct testimony and exhibits, as well as a copy of workpapers showing how test year data were adjusted.

A summary document pertaining to the filing is provided as well as the URL's:

FERC Forms

<https://www.utc.wa.gov/regulatedIndustries/utilities/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

10K's, 10Q's, Annual Reports & Proxy, and Debt & Equity Offerings

<http://investor.avistacorp.com/financial-information/annual-reports>

for locating the financial reports and other documents required under WAC 480-07-510. An electronic version of this filing and all supporting documents is enclosed as well. The Office of Public Counsel has also been served with a copy of all such documents at the time of filing with the Commission.

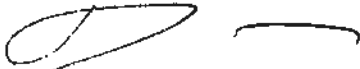
Please note that certain sections of the exhibits of Mark T. Thies and Jason P. Thackston have CONFIDENTIAL information. Please also note that Exh. JM-2, JRT-2 and EMA-7 are only being provided electronically on CD due to their voluminous and/or electronic nature. Additionally, as required by WAC 480-07-160(4)(a), the Company is also submitting an Attorney's Claim of Confidentiality regarding the submission of the unredacted versions of the above-referenced CONFIDENTIAL exhibits and workpapers. These documents should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL per WAC 480-07-160.

In compliance with WAC 480-90-197 and WAC 480-100-197, the Company will provide public notice once the public hearing dates have been selected by the Commission. In compliance with WAC 480-90-193(1) and WAC 480-100-193(1), the Company will post the proposed changes to its tariffs for public inspection and review on its website, and will provide access via request by telephone or mail. A service list is attached, with the parties on the service list receiving a complete copy of the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and workpapers.

In compliance with WAC 480-07-510(3)(g), the Company states that there are no additional material affiliated transactions to report impacting the test year that otherwise were not already reported in the Company's annual 2018 Report of Affiliated Interest Transactions. The Company's 2018 annual report was filed on April 8, 2019 (See Dockets UE-190270 and UG-190271).

Additional copies of this filing, supporting testimony and exhibits are available from the Company upon request. Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Meyer', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Meyer  
Vice President and Chief Counsel  
for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Service List