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Amanda Maxwell  
 Executive Director and Secretary  
 Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
 621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
 Lacey, WA 98503

**RE: Docket UE-210588 – Avista Utilities Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 92, Low Income Rate Assistance Program**

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

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 electric tariff WN U-28, to update Schedule 92, “Low Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) funding in compliance with Order No. 09, in Docket UE-190334. On September 27, 2021 the Commission issued its final Order in Docket UE-200900 extending the LIRAP funding mechanism and granting a residential base rate increase of 4.6%. Under the approved LIRAP funding mechanism the LIRAP funding increase is the greater of 2 times the residential base rate increase or 7.0%. The Company is making this supplemental filing to comply with the 2 times the residential base rate increase provision by increasing LIRAP funding by 9.2% (4.6% x 2). In compliance with Final Order 08/05 the Company has offset the incremental LIRAP funding change, within its compliance filing in Docket UE-200900, with Tax Customer Credit dollars so that no customers will receive a billing increase on October 1, 2021.

Avista requests the Commission approve the proposed increase in rates and charges in Schedule 92 with an effective date of October 1, 2021. The estimated annual revenue change associated with this filing is an increase of approximately \$0.7 million, or an increase of 0.1% in overall billed rates. The proposed rate increase will have an average monthly bill impact of \$0.11

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for residential electric customers using 914 kWhs, or 0.1%. The LIRAP billing change will be fully offset by Tax Customer Credit dollars resulting in no change to a present average customer bill of \$84.48.

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