# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET NOS. UE-190334, UG-190335, UE-190222 (Consolidated)

Complainant, v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

#### EXH. AEW-2

# AVISTA RESPONSE TO NWEC DATA REQUEST NO. 19 ATTACHMENT A (WASHINGTON LINE EXTENSION TARIFF)

ON BEHALF OF

**NW ENERGY COALITION** 

**October 3, 2019** 

## Current Washington Natural Gas Tariff WN U-29, Schedule 151

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#### Substitute First Revision Sheet 151 canceling Original Sheet 151

WN U-29

#### AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

#### SCHEDULE 151

#### NATURAL GAS EXTENSION POLICY - WASHINGTON

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#### AVAILABLE:

For service piping or main extensions to the Company's distribution facilities where there is available, or will be made available, adequate capacity for the service requested. elevation and construction conditions permit and one or more bona fide, prospective customers make application for an extension thereof for permanent service.

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#### APPLICABLE:

To service piping or main extensions installed, owned, operated and maintained by the Company.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Extension" shall be the distribution main, pressure regulating devices, service piping and appurtenances required to connect existing facilities of the Company, having capacity adequate to supply the gas service requested, to the "meter location."

"Meter Location" shall be the point at which gas shall be delivered to and received by the applicant, shall be out-of-doors, and shall be at a point designated by the Company subject to the applicant's approval, provided that the length of service piping shall not exceed, by more than ten feet, the shortest distance between the Company's distribution main and the building to be served.

"Extension Cost" shall be the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing an extension.

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"Annual Margin Per Customer" shall be the sum of twelve months of the basic or minimum charges plus the decoupled revenue per customer as determined by the Commission and administered through Schedule 175, "Decoupling Mechanism – Natural Gas".

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#### ACCESS TO PREMISES:

The applicant shall grant to the Company the right to enter and exit the Customer's property, and the right to remove (and replace) or otherwise disturb, lawns, shrubs or other property on the applicant's premises as reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing an extension hereunder. The Company's agents and employees shall have access at all reasonable times for reading, inspecting, constructing, reconstructing, repairing and removing the Company's meters, metering equipment and natural gas facilities. All necessary right-of-way assignments, easements and permits across other properties will be secured at no cost to the Company before the Company constructs the line extension.

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## Second Revision Sheet 151A canceling Substitute First Revision Sheet 151A

### AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

#### SCHEDULE 151A - Continued

#### **EXTENSION RULES:**

Before the start of construction, the Customer must submit a written application for service and pay an extension cost to the Company which is computed as follows:

Line Extension Cost

- Cost Reductions
- Allowance
- = Extension cost
- 1) "Line Extension Cost" is the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing natural gas facilities.
- 2) "Cost Reduction" is a decrease allowed when the Company allows the Customer to do some of the work (i.e., constructing the ditch). All facilities provided by the Customer must meet the Company's specifications.
- 3) "Allowance" is a credit to each new Customer. The Allowance shall be the sum of twelve months of the basic or minimum charges plus the decoupled revenue per customer as determined by the Commission and administered through Schedule 175, "Decoupling Mechanism Natural Gas", divided by the Commission-approved pre-tax rate of return.

The allowance for Schedules 111/112/116 and 121/122/126 will be determined in the same manner as for Schedule 101, but will be divided by the average usage for those schedules, individually, to determine a per therm allowance rate. The Allowance will be calculated using the rates and charges in effect at the time a customer requests service, and will not change should the Allowance values change during the first twelve months the customer takes service.

ALLOWANCE

Schedule 101 Customer: \$4,678

Schedule 111/112/116 Customer: \$3.44 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)

Schedule 121/122/126 Customer: \$2.65 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)

Schedules 131, 132 & 146: Calculated on a case-by-case basis by Avista

EXCEPTION: The Company will not grant an immediate Allowance if the Company, in its sole judgment, determines that the load will be in service less than five years.

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### Canceled Washington Natural Gas Tariff WN U-29, Schedules 151 & 152

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AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

#### SCHEDULE 151A - Continued

#### **EXTENSION RULES:**

Before the start of construction, the Customer must submit a written application for service and pay an extension cost to the Company which is computed as follows:

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The allowance for Schedules 111/112 and 121/122 will be determined in the same manner as for Schedule 101, but will be divided by the average usage for those schedules, individually, to determine a per therm allowance rate. The Allowance will be calculated using the rates and charges in effect at the time a customer requests service, and will not change should the Allowance values change during the first twelve months the customer takes service.

#### ALLOWANCE

Schedule 101 Customer: \$4,482

Schedule 111/112 Customer: \$3.12 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)
Schedule 121/122 Customer: \$2.42 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)

Schedules 131, 132 & 146: Calculated on a case-by-case basis by Avista

EXCEPTION: The Company will not grant an immediate Allowance if the Company, in its sole judgment, determines that the load will be in service less than five years.

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#### SCHEDULE 151B - Continued

EXCESS ALLOWANCE FOR EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE 101 CUSTOMERS\* – Effective through February 28, 2019 – Existing Single-family, Residential Schedule 101 customers who convert to natural gas from another fuel source and who have an estimated cost of construction that is less than the Schedule 101 Customer allowance may elect to receive the unused portion of the allowance and apply those funds towards the purchase and installation of high efficiency space heating equipment and/or water heating equipment. For high efficiency space heating, a high efficiency natural gas furnace or boiler must have a 90% AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) or greater. Efficiencies for space and water heating equipment are verified according to the contractor invoice or Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI). <a href="https://www.ahridirectory.org">www.ahridirectory.org</a>.

The example below provides the calculation, for illustrative purposes:

Schedule 101 Allowance \$4,678
Less Illustrative Line Extension Cost \$3,200>
Excess Allowance \$1,478

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Customers who have excess allowance must fill out an Excess Allowance Rebate Form which must be submitted, along with a copy of the paid receipt, within ninety (90) days of the purchase and installation of the customer's space and/or water heating equipment. Avista will validate the request and process the payment within eight weeks of the receipt of the Washington Line Extension Allowance Rebate form and receipt. The amount of the rebate shall not exceed the total purchase and installation costs of the Customer.\*\*

\*The Excess Allowance Rebate is not applicable for new construction.

\*\* If a customer is also requesting rebates for electric to natural gas conversions as detailed in Tariff Schedule 90 ("Electric Rebate"), or high efficiency rebates as detailed in Tariff Schedule 190 ("Natural Gas Rebate"), the Excess Allowance Rebate will be applied after incorporating the effects of the Electric Rebate and Natural Gas Rebate. In no circumstance will a customer receive rebates in excess of the total purchase and installation costs of equipment.

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#### SCHEDULE 151B - Continued

EXCESS ALLOWANCE FOR EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE 101 CUSTOMERS\* - Effective through February 28, 2019 - Existing Single-family, Residential Schedule 101 customers who convert to natural gas from another fuel source and who have an estimated cost of construction that is less than the Schedule 101 Customer allowance may elect to receive the unused portion of the allowance and apply those funds towards the purchase and installation of high efficiency space heating equipment and/or water heating equipment. For high efficiency space heating, a high efficiency natural gas furnace or boiler must have a 90% AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) or greater. Efficiencies for space and water heating equipment are verified according to the contractor invoice or Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), www.ahridirectory.org.

The example below provides the calculation, for illustrative purposes:

Schedule 101 Allowance \$4.482 Less Illustrative Line Extension Cost <\$3,200> **Excess Allowance** \$1,282

Customers who have excess allowance must fill out an Excess Allowance Rebate Form which must be submitted, along with a copy of the paid receipt, within ninety (90) days of the purchase and installation of the customer's space and/or water heating equipment. Avista will validate the request and process the payment within eight weeks of the receipt of the Washington Line Extension Allowance Rebate form and receipt. The amount of the rebate shall not exceed the total purchase and installation costs of the Customer.\*\*

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### AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

#### SCHEDULE 152

### GAS EXTENSION POLICY - WASHINGTON (Commercial and Industrial)

#### **AVAILABLE:**

For service piping or main extensions to the Company's distribution facilities where there is available, or will be made available, to the Company for resale a volume of gas adequate for the service requested, elevation and construction conditions permit and one or more bona fide, prospective commercial and/or industrial customers make application for an extension thereof for permanent continuing uses.

#### APPLICABLE:

To service piping or main extensions installed, owned, operated and maintained by the Company.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Extension" shall be the distribution main, pressure regulating devices, service piping and appurtenances required to connect existing facilities of the Company, having capacity adequate to supply the gas service requested, to the "meter location."

"Meter Location" shall be the point at which gas shall be delivered to and received by the applicant, and shall be at a location designated by the Company.

"Extension Cost" shall be the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing an extension assuming the existing distribution main is located in the center of the street or alley.

"Annual Revenue" shall be the Company's estimate of the annual payments under the applicable rate for the gas service requested.

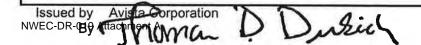
A "year" shall begin with the first meter reading date after service is available and shall end 12 months thereafter.

#### ACCESS TO PREMISES:

The applicant shall grant to the Company the right to remove (and replace) or otherwise disturb property on the applicant's premises as reason ably necessary for the purpose of installing an extension hereunder.

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#### SCHEDULE 152A - Continued

#### **EXTENSION RULE:**

The Company will furnish and install, at its expense, an extension if the annual revenue therefrom will be not less than one-third the extension cost, provided the prospective permanence of the applicant, characteristics of gas load, and other factors are acceptable to the Company.

The Company may require an advance construction payment, an advance payment of bills for gas service, and/or the execution of a contract providing for the conditions of service and the payment by the applicant of a prescribed minimum annual amount for said service.

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