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# SCHEDULE 80A - CONTINUED Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out - Pilot

## **AVAILABILITY:**

1. The services described herein are available to single-family residential homes, including multi-plexes up to four units, for the purpose of a customer's choice to have a non-communicating meter. AMI meters, sometimes referred to as "smart meters," are digitial meters equipped with wireless communication capabilities. Customers that request to have a non-communicating meter must meet the requirements and responsibilities for service outlined in this tariff schedule. Customers who net meter are not eligible for a non-communicating meter.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1. The Company shall not initiate the process to provide non-communicating meter service before it has received the Customer's signed, written request in the Application Form on file with the Commission.
- 2. Customer will be required to pay the ongoing administrative and operational costs associated with the manual reading of the non-communicating meter, and other fees and charges associated with the non-communicating metering service that may be assessed for each eligible meter, as noted in the Fees Section of this tariff.
- 3. Customer may be required to pay a One-Time fee if they call in <u>after</u> installation of the <u>new</u> AMI meter requesting a non-communicating meter. This fee is to cover the costs of the labor and transportation associated with the installation. The One-Time Fee is noted in the Fees Section of this tariff.
- 4. Customer account with a non-communicating meter will be billed monthly based upon estimated monthly reads.
- 5. The Company is under no obligation to physically read the meter more frequently than once a quarter.
- 6. The Company may refuse or revoke the installation of a non-communicating meter at the Customer's premises for the following conditions, but not limited to:
  - a. when safe access is not available for the Company's personnel and standard equipment;
  - b. current or past incidents of Customer meter tampering; or
  - c. current or past incidents of the Customer impeding the Company's access to the meter to obtain meter reads, perform maintenance or to disconnect meter for non-payment of electric service.

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## SCHEDULE 80B - CONTINUED Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out - Pilot

### FEES:

One-Time Fee

Customers who request to opt-out from installation of an AMI meter before one is installed and within 30 days of its initial installation will not be charged. When a customer requests a non-communicating meter more than 30 days after an AMI meter has been installed, that customer will be charged as described below:

Opt-Out Following Installation of an AMI Meter	Electric Meter Only	Both Electric and Natural Gas Meter
Within 30 days	\$0.00	\$0.00
After 30 days	\$75.00	\$75.00

#### Ongoing Monthly Meter Reading Charge February 7th through November 30, 2020

Electric Meter(s) Read Only	Both Electric and Natural Gas Meter(s) Read	Natural Gas Meter(s) Read
\$0	\$0	\$0

Meter Readings - Customers that choose a non-communicating meter will have their meter(s) read by the Company <u>on a quarterly basis</u>. The non-manual meter read billing cycles will be estimated by the Company.

### **Ongoing Monthly Meter Reading Charge Effective December 1, 2020**

Electric Meter(s) Read	Both Electric and Natural	Natural Gas Meter(s)
Only	Gas Meter(s) Read	Read
\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

Customers who have qualified for energy assistance in the 12 months prior to the estimated installation date of a communicating meter, but who request a non-communicating meter, may use any low-income bill assistance through either the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Company's Low Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) program to pay all opt-out charges.

All monthly meter reading charges will be subject to the Company's Rules and Regulations under Tariff Schedule 70. There will be no charge for customers choosing to remove a non-communicating meter and install an AMI meter.

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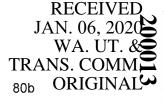
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## SCHEDULE 80C – CONTINUED Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out - Pilot

#### **LENGTH OF THE PILOT:**

The Company pilot period begins in September 2018 with the installation of the first AMI meter and ends in September 2020. The Company will file an update on or before March 1, 2019, and file semiannual updates thereafter, related to on the status of its realized costs associated with the administration of manually reading non-communicating meters, any problems experienced by Avista, or our customers associated with the pilot, the number of customers opting out by month as well as the number of customers who opt to resume use of an AMI meter. This information, along with any recommendations for changes to be proposed in the form of a permanent tariff, will be filed in a comprehensive report with the Commission by November 30, 2020. (T)

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