

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities)	Docket No. UG-180920
For an Order Authorizing Approval of Changes to the Company's Natural Gas Line Extension Tariff and Associated Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment)	SECOND REVISED PETITION OF AVISTA CORPORATION

I. INTRODUCTION

1 In accordance with WAC 480-90-203(3), Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "Company"), at 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, hereby petitions the Commission for an Order, on or before February 28, 2019, authorizing the approval of changes to the Company's natural gas line extension tariff Schedule 151, in addition to the revisions to its original November 9, 2018 Petition, as contained herein. The Company, however, seeks to maintain its request to make permanent the current Perpetual Net Present Value ("PNPV") calculation methodology used to determine the amount of a line extension allowance. Given the valuable feedback from the Commission at the Open Meeting held on December 13, 2018, Avista would like to withdraw its request to extend the existing Line Extension Allowance Program (LEAP) Pilot, including the associated accounting and ratemaking treatment as it relates to the Pilot, otherwise set to expire February 28, 2019.

2 Although Avista believes that the LEAP Pilot has proven to be a valuable program for its customers, any extension may be better addressed in a future proceeding, once the Company has had appropriate time to develop more robust metrics for measurement that will meet the needs of all parties.

Avista intends to work with its Energy Assistance Advisory Group and additional interested stakeholders to develop a line extension allowance program also focused on providing benefits to the Company's lower income population.¹ Avista is prepared to allow the LEAP Pilot to terminate on its original February 28, 2019 end date, and will, of course, continue to accept Excess Allowance Rebate Forms through 2019 to honor any natural gas line extension Work Orders² received on or before February 28, 2019.

3 As stated in Avista's November 9, 2018 Petition, the Company believes that the PNPV methodology will continue to provide further natural gas hookups through an economically supported formula. The line extension allowance will continue to be easier for customers to understand, for the Company to administer, and for the Commission to audit, given that just a few Commission-approved inputs are used in the calculation. Additionally, the allowance methodology is similar to what the Commission has approved, on an ongoing (non-pilot) basis, for Cascade Natural Gas and Puget Sound Energy (subsequent to the Commission approving Avista's on a pilot basis through Order 01 in Docket No. UG-152394).

4 In allowing the LEAP Pilot to terminate on the date currently reflected in Avista's natural gas tariff Schedule 151, the Company no longer requests to modify its line extension tariff as filed on November 9, 2018. Instead, Avista requests to cancel, in its entirety, natural gas tariff sheet WN U-29, First Revision Sheet 151B, as it contains details regarding the LEAP Pilot that will no longer be effective March 1, 2019.

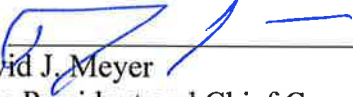
¹ Lower income could also include Avista's Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population.

² A "Work Order" is issued when a customer requests a natural gas line extension and has been assigned to a Project Coordinator, therefore the project is considered actively in progress at the time of issuance.

IX. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

5 WHEREFORE, Avista respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order, on or before February 28, 2019, approving the cancellation of natural gas tariff sheet WN U-29, First Revision Sheet 151B, but otherwise allowing the current Perpetual Net Present Value (“PNPV”) calculation methodology used to determine the amount of a line extension allowance to continue on an indefinite basis.

DATED this 14th day of January 2019

By: 
David J. Meyer
Vice President and Chief Counsel for
Regulatory and Governmental Affairs

VERIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
)
County of Spokane)

David J. Meyer, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he is a Vice President of Avista Corporation and makes this verification for and on behalf of said corporation, being thereto duly authorized;

That he has read the foregoing Petition, knows the contents thereof, and believes the same to be true.

 DJM

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me on this 14th day of January 2019



 Patty L. Hanson

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at Spokane.

Commission Expires: 11-23-21