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

RE: Avista Utilities Natural Gas Tariff Schedule 163 – Climate Commitment Act

Dear Mr. Killip:

On August 30, 2024, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) its proposed tariff Schedule 163, which outlined the cost recovery related to compliance with Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). Attached for electronic filing with the Commission is the following substitute tariff sheets proposed to be effective November 15, 2024:

Substitute Original Sheet 163
Substitute Original Sheet 163A
Substitute Original Sheet 163B

The filing herein provides updates and changes to the original filing, as follows:

1. Corrected the term listed in Schedule 163 to begin on November 15th, the proposed effective date of the tariff.
2. Updated the expenses and revenues incorporated into the rate calculations to reflect the Department of Ecology's Q3 2024 allowance auction results (i.e., the auction settling price and Avista's participation in the auction).
3. Updated the estimated Q4 2024 allowance auction price, taking into consideration the final Q3 2024 allowance auction price.

4. Corrected an error for the forecasted 2025 allowance price.
5. Clarified that customers on rate Schedule 112, which is only available to former transport customers that move from Schedule 146, will pay the same CCA Charge and receive the same CCA Credit as Schedule 146.
6. Incorporated the inclusion of Special Contract customers into the provisions of Schedule 163 and rate calculations.

As a result of the changes described above, the overall revenues proposed to be collected through schedule 163 for the period of November 15, 2024 – October 31, 2025, increased by approximately \$2.4 million. This represents an overall revenue increase of 9.14% compared to the original filing of 8.34%. The reason for the increase in overall revenues is due to a greater decrease in revenues than expenses, resulting in the net increase.

As outlined in the attached Schedule 163, Avista hereby requests that the tariff proposed becomes effective November 15, 2024. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509) 495-2782 or shawn.bonfield@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shawn Bonfield

Shawn Bonfield

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