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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Attention: Ms. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary

TARIFF WN U-28, ELECTRIC SERVICE, and
TARIFF WN U-29, NATURAL GAS SERVICE

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Avista Corporation (“Avista” or “the Company”) hereby submits the attached filing seeking Commission authorization to increase its rates and charges for its electric and natural gas services to its electric and natural gas customers in the State of Washington. In this filing, the Company is proposing a base revenue increase which would begin with new rates effective December 21, 2022.

The Company is proposing a Two-Year Rate Plan, which would begin with new base rates effective in December 2022 (Rate Year 1) and December 2023 (Rate Year 2). For Rate Year 1, the proposed increases reflect an electric base rate relief of approximately \$52.9 million, or 9.6%, and natural gas base rate relief of \$10.9 million, or 9.5%, effective December 2022. Concurrent with the effective date of this rate case, the Company proposes to return to customers estimated incremental deferred Customer Tax Benefits of approximately \$25.5 million for electric and \$12.5 million for natural gas, over a two-year amortization period, through separate Tariff Schedules 78 (electric) and 178 (natural gas), titled “Residual Tax Customer Credit” - offsetting in part the Company’s requested electric and natural gas Rate Year 1 base rate relief in effect from December 2022 and continuing through the two-year Rate Plan. The overall net increase for Rate Year 1 on a billed basis, after reflecting the “Residual Tax Customer Credit” offset, would be 7.4% for electric operations, and 2.5% for natural gas operations.

For Rate Year 2 of the Two-Year Rate Plan, the proposed increases reflect an electric base rate relief of \$17.1 million, or 2.8%, and natural gas base rate relief of approximately \$2.2 million, or 1.7%, effective December 2023.

The Company’s request is based on a proposed rate of return of 7.31% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 10.25% return on equity.

Avista requests that the Commission **immediately suspend the operation of the general tariff revisions** included in this filing, and promptly set the matter for hearing, including the establishment of a prehearing conference, at the earliest possible date in accordance with WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

Please note that the Company has also simultaneously filed a Motion for a Protective Order Pursuant to WAC 480-07-420.

Service of documents pertaining to this filing should be to the following Avista Corporation representatives:

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Provided with this filing are electronic copies of the following proposed tariff sheets, formatted with the coding required by WAC 480-80-105, and electronic copies in legislative format as required by WAC 480-07-510(2):

Rate Year 1 Electric		
17 th Revision Sheet 1	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 1
17 th Revision Sheet 11	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 11
2 nd Revision Sheet 13	Canceling	1 st Revision Sheet 13
17 th Revision Sheet 21	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 21
2 nd Revision Sheet 23	Canceling	1 st Revision Sheet 23
17 th Revision Sheet 25	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 25
13 th Revision Sheet 25A	Canceling	Substitute 12 th Revision Sheet 25A
17 th Revision Sheet 31	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 31
16 th Revision Sheet 41	Canceling	Substitute 15 th Revision Sheet 41
16 th Revision Sheet 42	Canceling	Substitute 15 th Revision Sheet 42
10 th Revision Sheet 42A	Canceling	Substitute 9 th Revision Sheet 42A
16 th Revision Sheet 44	Canceling	Substitute 15 th Revision Sheet 44
17 th Revision Sheet 45	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 45
17 th Revision Sheet 46	Canceling	2 nd Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 46
3 rd Revision Sheet 46A	Canceling	Substitute 2 nd Revision Sheet 46A
16 th Revision Sheet 47	Canceling	Substitute 15 th Revision Sheet 47

17 th Revision Sheet 47A	Canceling	Substitute 16 th Revision Sheet 47A
4 th Revision Sheet 47B	Canceling	Substitute 3 rd Sheet 47B
5 th Revision Sheet 75D	Canceling	4 th Revision Sheet 75D
Original Sheet 78		
Rate Year 2 Electric		
18 th Revision Sheet 1	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 1
18 th Revision Sheet 11	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 11
3 rd Revision Sheet 13	Canceling	2 nd Revision Sheet 13
18 th Revision Sheet 21	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 21
3 rd Revision Sheet 23	Canceling	2 nd Revision Sheet 23
18 th Revision Sheet 25	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 25
14 th Revision Sheet 25A	Canceling	13 th Revision Sheet 25A
18 th Revision Sheet 31	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 31
17 th Revision Sheet 41	Canceling	16 th Revision Sheet 41
17 th Revision Sheet 42	Canceling	16 th Revision Sheet 42
11 th Revision Sheet 42A	Canceling	10 th Revision Sheet 42A
17 th Revision Sheet 44	Canceling	16 th Revision Sheet 44
18 th Revision Sheet 45	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 45
18 th Revision Sheet 46	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 46
4 th Revision Sheet 46A	Canceling	3 rd Revision Sheet 46A
17 th Revision Sheet 47	Canceling	16 th Revision Sheet 47
18 th Revision Sheet 47A	Canceling	17 th Revision Sheet 47A
Rate Year 1 Natural Gas		
18 th Revision Sheet 101	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 101
18 th Revision Sheet 111	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 111
18 th Revision Sheet 112	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 112
3 rd Revision Sheet 116	Canceling	Substitute 2 nd Sheet 116
18 th Revision Sheet 131	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 131
8 th Revision Sheet 131A	Canceling	Substitute 7 th Revision Sheet 131A
18 th Revision Sheet 132	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 132
8 th Revision Sheet 132A	Canceling	Substitute 7 th Revision Sheet 132A
18 th Revision Sheet 146	Canceling	Substitute 17 th Revision Sheet 146
5 th Revision Sheet 175D	Canceling	4 th Revision Sheet 175D
Original Sheet 178		
Rate Year 2 Natural Gas		
19 th Revision Sheet 101	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 101
19 th Revision Sheet 111	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 111
19 th Revision Sheet 112	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 112

4 th Revision Sheet 116	Canceling	Substitute 3 rd Sheet 116
19 th Revision Sheet 131	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 131
9 th Revision Sheet 131A	Canceling	Substitute 8 th Revision Sheet 131A
19 th Revision Sheet 132	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 132
9 th Revision Sheet 132A	Canceling	Substitute 8 th Revision Sheet 132A
19 th Revision Sheet 146	Canceling	Substitute 18 th Revision Sheet 146

The Company has mailed, via overnight mail, 5 copies of its prepared direct testimony and exhibits receipt on the same day as the Company's electronic filing. The Company will provide electronic copies of workpapers showing how test year data were adjusted to the parties within 5 business days of this filing, as required.

A summary document pertaining to the filing is provided, as well as the following URLs for locating the financial reports and other documents required under WAC 480-07-510:

FERC Forms

<https://www.utc.wa.gov/regulated-industries/utilities/energy/company-annual-reports>

10K's, 10Q's, Annual Reports & Proxy, and Debt & Equity Offerings

<http://investor.avistacorp.com/financial-information/annual-reports>

The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office has also been served with a copy of all such documents at the time of filing with the Commission, as have other parties to our prior general rate case.

Please note that certain sections of the testimony of Patrick J. Everitt and the exhibits of Mark T. Thies, Jason R. Thackston, and Clint G. Kalich contain CONFIDENTIAL information. Please also note that Exh. SJK-5 and JRT-2 are only being provided electronically due to their voluminous and/or electronic nature. Also Included in the filing are Ms. Andrews' native electric and natural gas Pro Forma Studies Exh. EMA-2 and Exh. EMA-3, providing linked, supporting information for all restating, pro forma and provisional adjustments and filed revenue requirements.

Additionally, as required by WAC 480-07-160(4)(a), the Company is also submitting an Attorney's Claim of Confidentiality regarding the submission of the unredacted versions of the above-referenced CONFIDENTIAL exhibits and workpapers. These documents should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL per WAC 480-07-160.

In compliance with WAC 480-90-197 and WAC 480-100-197, the Company will provide public notice once the public hearing dates have been selected by the Commission. In compliance with WAC 480-90-193(1) and WAC 480-100-193(1), the Company will post the proposed changes to its tariffs for public inspection and review on its website and will provide access via request by telephone or mail. A service list is attached, with the parties on the service list receiving a complete copy of the pre-filed testimony and exhibits.

In compliance with WAC 480-07-510(3)(g), the Company states that there are no additional material affiliated transactions to report impacting the test year that otherwise were not already

reported in the Company's annual 2020 Report of Affiliated Interest Transactions. The Company's 2020 annual report was filed on April 30, 2021 (See Dockets UE-210290 and UG-210291).

Additional copies of this filing, supporting testimony and exhibits are available from the Company upon request. Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

/s/ *David J. Meyer*

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Enclosures

cc: Service List