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# AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

#### SCHEDULE 180B - CONTINUED

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Non-Communicating Digital Meter - 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 digital 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	Natural Gas 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

Meter Readings - Customers that choose a non-communicating digital meter will have their meter(s) read by the Company on a quarterly basis. The non-manual meter read billing cycles will be estimated by the Company. The monthly charge for this service is as set forth below:

Natural Gas Meter(s) Read	Both Electric and Natural Gas
Only	Meter(s) Read
\$5.00	\$5.00

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, will not be subject to the "Ongoing Monthly Meter Reading Charge", but will be subject to the conditions detailed under "One-Time Fee".

All monthly meter reading charges will be assessed starting March, 1, 2019 and 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 digital meter and install an AMI meter.

### 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 semi-annual updates thereafter, related to on the status of its realized costs associated with the administration of manually reading non-communicating digital 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.

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