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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Avista Utilities Tariff WN U-29, Schedule 170, Rules and Regulations

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached for filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission or UTC) is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation's, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), filing of its proposed revisions to the following tariff sheet, WN U-29.

First Revision Sheet 170-Q Canceling Original Sheet 170-Q

The primary purpose of this filing is to revise the Company's natural gas tariff Schedule 170, Rules and Regulations, to comply with the provision of Appendix A to Order No. 03 in Docket No. U-200281, that requires utilities to waive any applicable disconnection and reconnection fees until 180 days after the resumption of disconnections.¹ While the specifics of Avista's tariff already allow for the waiver deposit requirements for new or existing residential and small commercial customers as required in Order 03, the language for residential reconnections does not currently provide the flexibility to waive such fees.² Therefore, the Company proposes to replace multiple occurrences of the word "will" with "may" within its Schedule 170 to allow for the waiver of these reconnection fees.

¹ See Docket No. U-200281, Order No. 03, Appendix A, pg. 3.

² Avista does not charge late fees or disconnect fees so those requirements from Order 03 are not applicable.

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Avista requests the tariff changes requested herein become effective July 23, 2021, prior to the expiration of the moratorium on disconnections. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Jaime Majure at (509) 495-7839.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shawn Bonfield

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