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Ms. Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, Washington 98503

Re: Tariff WN U-29, Natural Gas Service – WA Participatory Funding Program

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Attached for electronic filing with the Commission is the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective August 1, 2023:

Original Sheet 161

In Dockets UE-220151 and UG-220596 Order 01, the Commission approved the Company's request to use deferred accounting for financial assistance distributed through the interim participatory funding agreement¹ to intervening parties. In Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054, UE-210854 (Consolidated) Order 12/06, the Commission ordered approved payments to four entities representing customers in the proceedings and the amounts were deferred in accordance with Dockets UE-220151 and UG-220596 Order 01. In Order 01, subsection 4, the Commission requires that utilities make an annual tariff filing to recover these deferred costs to mitigate the impact of carrying costs on ratepayers. The proposed tariff sheet reflects a natural gas rate adjustment to collect the amounts paid to intervening parties from natural gas customers totaling \$40 thousand, an increase in revenue of 0.02% for natural gas operations.

On the following page, Table 1 illustrates the amounts paid to each party and the customer class the payments were applicable to and Table 2 illustrates the impact by rate schedule:

¹ The original Interim Participatory Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 01 in Docket No. U-210595 on February 24, 2022. On February 9, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 02 in Docket No. U-210595 approving the Revised Extended Interim Funding Agreement, subject to re-filing of the modified agreement.

Table 1 - Amounts Paid			
Intervening Party	Customer Class Represented	Total Amount Paid	Amount Allocated to Natural Gas Customers
Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Industrial	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,598
The Energy Project	Residential	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,598
NW Energy Coalition	All	\$ 29,340	\$ 7,393
Small Business Utility Advocates	Commercial	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,039
Total		\$ 149,340	\$ 37,628
Add: Interests and Revenue Related Expenses:			\$ 2,416
Total Requested Recovery			\$ 40,044

Table 2 - Impact by Rate Schedule		
Schedule No.	Rate Schedule	Change in Billed Revenue
101/102	General Service	0.01%
111/112	Large General Service	0.01%
131/132	Interruptible Service	0.01%
146	Transportation Service	0.41%
	Overall	0.02%

The change in the rate credit has no effect on Avista's earnings. Enclosed is a set of workpapers which shows the derivation of the proposed per therm rate surcharge proposed to be effective for a twelve-month period beginning August 1, 2023.

The average residential customer using 67 therms per month will see an increase of \$0.01 per month, or approximately 0.01%. The present bill for 67 therms is \$85.33 while the proposed bill is \$85.34. The actual bill change will vary based on customer usage.

In accordance with the requirements of WAC 480-100-103, attached to this filing is a draft notice to customers, which the Company will provide through a bill insert, during the June 2023 bill cycle.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2567.

Sincerely,
/S/ Patrick D. Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
 Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

