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Important Notice for Washington Electric and Natural Gas Customers

(May/June 2024)

On May 31, 2024, Avista made annual rate adjustment filings with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) that are designed to increase overall electric revenues by approximately \$35.6 million or 5.8% and increase overall natural gas revenue by approximately \$3.4 million or 1.1%. If approved, new rates would take effect Aug. 1, 2024.

The first rate adjustment is related to Avista's electric and natural gas decoupling mechanisms. Decoupling is a mechanism designed to break the link between utility revenues and customer energy usage. Generally, Avista's electric and natural gas revenues are adjusted each month based on the number of customers instead of kilowatt hour and therm sales. The difference between revenues based on sales and revenues based on the number of customers is surcharged or rebated to customers beginning in the following year. The decoupling rate adjustments are designed to increase revenues by \$22 million or 3.6% for electric operations and increase revenues by \$3.4 million or 1.1% for natural gas operations. The electric rate adjustments are primarily driven by the expiration of the prior year decoupling rebate credit. The natural gas rate adjustment is primarily driven by variations in 2023 customer usage related to weather and energy reduction due to the Company's efficiency programs.

The second rate adjustment modifies the level of funding for Avista's electric energy efficiency programs. Each year, customers achieve significant energy savings and receive rebates and incentives through Avista's energy efficiency programs. The Commission approves the amount of funding for these important programs through a portion of energy rates. The electric rate adjustment is designed to increase the amount collected from customers by \$12.9 million, or 2.1%. The Company has not proposed to change the present level of natural gas funding.

The third rate adjustment is related to Avista’s Renewable Energy Credit (REC) mechanism applicable to electric customers. Currently, Avista is rebating approximately \$0.9 million to customers, annually. In the present filing, Avista is proposing to adjust the REC rebate to reflect a decrease in the projected net REC revenues for the August 2024 – July 2025 time period. That amount is \$0.2 million. The net effect of the new and expiring REC rebate is an increase in revenue of approximately \$0.7 million, or 0.1%.

Change in Rates - If approved by the Commission, residential electric customers in Washington using an average of 945 kilowatt hours/month would see their monthly bills change from \$97.26 to \$105.77, an increase of \$8.51/month, or approximately 8.8%. Residential natural gas customers in Washington using an average of 66 therms per month would see their monthly bills change from \$98.36 to \$100.87, an increase of \$2.51 per month, or approximately 2.6%.

The percentage change varies by rate schedule and depends on how much energy a customer uses. If approved, customers would see the following rate adjustments:

**Electric Rate Change
Proposed Schedule 1 Residential Rates
(effective Aug. 1, 2024)**

| Electric Service | Current Billing Rate | Proposed Change | Proposed Billing Rates |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Basic Charge | \$9.00 | \$0.00 | \$9.00 |
| First 800 kWhs/month | \$0.09096/kWh | \$0.00901/kWh | \$0.09997/kWh |
| Next 700 kWhs/month | \$0.10682/kWh | \$0.00901/kWh | \$0.11583/kWh |
| Over 1,500 kWhs/month | \$0.12635/kWh | \$0.00901/kWh | \$0.13536/kWh |

**Proposed Electric Rate Change by Schedule
(effective Aug. 1, 2024)**

| Schedule No. | Rate Schedule | % Change in Billed Revenue |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Residential | 8.7% |
| 11/12/13 | General Service | 3.5% |
| 21/22/23 | Large General Service | 4.1% |
| 25/251 | Ex. Lg. General Service | 1.6% |
| 31/32 | Pumping Service | 5.1% |
| 41-48 | Street and Area Lights | 2.2% |
| Overall | | 5.8% |

**Natural Gas Rate Change
Proposed Schedule 101 Rates
(effective Aug. 1, 2024)**

| Natural Gas Service | Current Billing Rate | Proposed Change | Proposed Billing Rates |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Basic Charge CCA Credit | (\$1.87) | \$0.00 | (\$1.87) |
| First 70 therms/month | \$1.51856/therm | \$0.03804/therm | \$1.55660/therm |
| Over 70 therms/month | \$1.67040/therm | \$0.03804/therm | \$1.70844/therm |

**Proposed Natural Gas Rate Change by Schedule
(effective Aug. 1, 2024)**

| Schedule No. | Rate Schedule | % Change in Billed Revenue |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 101 | General Service | 2.5% |
| 111/112 | Large General Service | -2.3% |
| 131/132 | Interruptible Sales Service | 0.0% |
| 146 | Transportation Service | 0.0% |
| Overall | | 1.1% |