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Mr. Jeff Killip
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service
Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit

Dear Mr. Killip:

Attached for electronic filing with the Commission is the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective November 1, 2024:

Twenty-second Revision Sheet 59 Canceling the Twenty-first Revision Sheet 59

The proposed tariff sheet reflects a rate adjustment to increase the rebate related to Residential Exchange Program benefits the Company receives from the Bonneville Power Administration. The Residential Exchange Program provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor utilities of the Pacific Northwest including Avista.

Under the current Residential Exchange rate adjustment, approximately \$10.7 million annually is being passed through to applicable customers through a uniform 0.386¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit. The current rate was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission effective November 1, 2023.

The proposed rate credit of 0.411¢ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through approximately \$11.4 million which represents the Washington portion of the annual level of benefits Avista will receive starting in October 2024. The primary driver of the increase in credit is the prior year filing incorporated a forecasted surcharge balance of approximately \$0.9 million as of October 2023. That balance has now been recovered from customers, resulting in a larger portion of the Residential Exchange benefits now being passed back to customers. Under the present rate with current projected loads, customers would receive approximately \$10.7 million, as compared to the proposed rate designed to return approximately \$11.4 million to customers. The Company is

proposing an overall increase in Residential Exchange benefits of approximately \$700,000 or 0.1%. The change in rate credit has no effect on Avista's net income.

Enclosed is a set of workpapers that shows the derivation of the proposed 0.411¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit proposed to be effective November 1, 2024. The average residential customer using 945 kWhs per month will see a decrease of \$0.24 per month, or approximately 0.2%. The present bill for 945 kWhs is \$105.76 while the proposed bill is \$105.52. The actual change will vary based on customer usage.

The Company has included workpapers with its filing which supports the Company's request. Also, the Company has provided in this filing a copy of its customer notice which will be included as a bill insert in the September time frame. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Lindsey Thomas at (509) 495-7658.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick D. Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

