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July 31, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation's, dba Avista Utilities' ("Avista" or "the Company"), filing of its proposed revisions to the following natural gas tariff sheet, WN U-29:

Tenth Revision Sheet 192 Canceling Ninth Revision Sheet 192

The purpose of this filing is to increase the amount of the Company's natural gas "Low Income Rate Assistance Program" (LIRAP) funding by 7 percent in compliance with Commission Order No. 09, in Docket UE-190335. By way of background, Order No. 05 in Docket UE-150204, et. al. established a five-year plan and true-up schedule which required Avista to file revisions by August 15th of each year to Schedule 192 to increase LIRAP funding by 7 percent, beginning October 1, 2016 with annual funding increases through October 1, 2019. Order No. 09, in Docket UG-190335 extended the five-year funding plan through Avista's next GRC. Also included in this filing is a true-up of the estimated revenues collected for LIRAP to the actual collections for the prior October to September LIRAP program year.

The Company requests the Commission approve the proposed increase in rates and charges in Schedule 192 with an effective date of October 1, 2020. The estimated annual revenue change associated with this filing is an increase of approximately \$0.4 million, or an increase of 0.2% in overall billed rates. The proposed rate increase will have an average monthly bill impact of \$0.13

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for residential natural gas customers using 66 therms, or 0.2%. If approved, the average monthly bill would increase from \$56.43 to \$56.56.

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-194(1), a “Thirty-day Notice to Individual Customers”, the Company will provide notice to customers, by way of a bill insert, in the August/September 2020 billing cycle, as well as a posting on the Company’s website coincident with the date of this filing. Attached are the Company’s workpapers supporting this proposal.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures