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July 29, 2022

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

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

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:

Thirteenth Revision Sheet 192 Canceling 2nd Sub. Twelfth Revision Sheet 192

The purpose of this filing is to increase the amount of the Company's electric "Low Income Rate Assistance Program" (LIRAP) funding by 7 percent in compliance with Commission Order No. 08/05, in Docket Nos. UE-200900, UG-200901, and UE-200894 (*Consolidated*).¹ 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 to Schedule 92 by August 15th of each year, to increase LIRAP funding by the greater of 7 percent, or 2-times the amount of any residential base rate increase, beginning October 1, 2016 with annual funding increases to continue through October 1, 2019. Order No. 09, in Docket UE-190334 extended the five-year funding plan through Avista's next general rate case (GRC). Order No. 08 / 05, in Dockets UE-200900, UG200901 and UE-200894 (Consolidated) again extended the existing LIRAP funding agreement through

¹ Per the Partial Settlement Stipulation approved via Order 08/05 in Docket UE-200900 et.al., LIRAP funding will increase annually by 7% or 2-times the residential base rate increase, whichever is greater.

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.

Avista requests the Commission approve the proposed increase in rates and charges in Schedule 192 with an effective date of October 1, 2022. 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 for residential natural gas customers using 67 therms, or 0.2%. If approved, the average monthly bill would increase from \$72.66 to \$72.79.

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-194(1), the Company will provide notice to customers, by way of a bill insert, in the August/September 2022 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 or joe.miller@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Ehrbar

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures