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Tariff filed with Commission related to utility meters in Washington

SPOKANE, Wash. June 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m. PST: Avista filed a proposal on May 14, 2018 with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to establish terms and conditions that would allow customers to be served by a non-standard (i.e. non-communicating) electric and natural gas meter. This filing was made as a result of Avista's adoption of a new advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) standard across its Washington service territory. If approved, the tariff changes would be effective on July 2, 2018.

Customers who choose to have a non-communicating meter will have their meters manually read by Avista every other billing cycle. For the billing cycle without a meter read, the company will estimate usage based on a customer's historical usage for that time period.

Only customers in residential, single family homes will be eligible to request a non-communicating meter.

The cost of the manual meter read per month is as set forth below:

Read Type	Electric Meter Only	Natural Gas Meter Only	Both Electric and Natural Gas Meters
Manual read by Avista	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$19.00

In the event a customer requests a non-communicating meter during the period after an AMI meter has been installed, that customer will be charged as described below:

Non-Communicating Meter Request After Installation of AMI Meter	Electric Meter Only	Natural Gas Meter Only	Both Electric and Natural Gas Meter
Within 30 days	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
After 30 days	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00

Commission Process and Customer Information

The Company's requests are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. The Commission has the authority to set final rates. You may contact the UTC to inquire about the Commission process, or provide a comment at the scheduled open meeting on June 28, 2018 at which the proposal will be considered. You can contact the Commission to comment on Avista's proposals in Docket Nos. UE-180418 and UG-180419 via email at comments@utc.wa.gov, by telephone at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882), via letter at: UTC, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250, or online at: www.utc.wa.gov. Copies of the applications are available for public review on the Commission

website, at the Company offices located at: 1411 E. Mission Ave, Spokane, WA 99202, as well as on our website at www.myavista.com/rates.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact the Commission at human_resources@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1132. For more information, go to www.utc.wa.gov.

More Information

For more information about the proposed increase, comfort level billing, conservation tips, energy assistance programs, energy efficiency and bill payment plans, visit www.myavista.com or call 1-800-227-9187.

About Avista Corp.

Avista Corporation is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Avista Utilities is our operating division that provides electric service to 385,000 customers and natural gas to 350,000 customers. Its service territory covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.6 million. Alaska Energy and Resources Company is an Avista subsidiary that provides retail electric service in the city and borough of Juneau, Alaska, through its subsidiary Alaska Electric Light and Power Company. Avista stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit www.myAvista.com.

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