

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 180 - CONTINUED
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out

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AVAILABILITY:

The services described herein are available to single-family residential homes, including multi-plexes up to four units, for the purpose of a customer’s choice to have a non-communicating digital meter. AMI meters, sometimes referred to as “smart meters,” are digital meters equipped with wireless communication capabilities. Customers that request to have a non-communicating digital meter must meet the requirements and responsibilities for service outlined in this tariff schedule.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Company shall not initiate the process to provide non-communicating meter service before it has received the Customer’s signed, written request in the Application Form on file with the Commission. If by October 1, 2020, a customer refuses to sign Avista’s standard Application Form to receive a non-communicating meter and refuses to allow the Company to install a communicating meter, the customer will be deemed to have opted-out of receiving a communicating meter and will be subject to the opt-out terms and conditions described in provisions number 2 through 6 of tariff Schedule 180a.
2. Customer will be required to pay the ongoing administrative and operational costs associated with the manual reading of the non-communicating digital meter, and other fees and charges associated with the non-communicating metering service that may be assessed for each eligible meter, as noted in the Fees Section of this tariff.
3. Customer may be required to pay a One-Time fee if they call in after installation of the new AMI meter requesting a non-communicating digital meter. This fee is to cover the costs of the labor and transportation associated with the installation. The One-Time Fee is noted in the Fees Section of this tariff.
4. Customer account with a non-communicating meter will be billed monthly based upon estimated monthly reads.
5. The Company is under no obligation to physically read the meter more frequently than once a quarter.
6. The Company may refuse or revoke the installation of a non-communicating digital meter at the Customer’s premises for the following conditions, but not limited to:
 - a. when safe access is not available for the Company’s personnel and standard equipment;
 - b. current or past incidents of Customer meter tampering; or
 - c. current or past incidents of the Customer impeding the Company’s access to the meter to obtain meter reads, perform maintenance or to disconnect meter for non-payment of electric service.

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