March 22, 2010

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Attention: Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

TARIFF WN U-28, ELECTRIC SERVICE, and

TARIFF WN U-29, NATURAL GAS SERVICE

Avista Corporation (“the Company”) hereby submits the attached filing seeking Commission authorization to increase its rates and charges for its electric and natural gas services to its electric and natural gas customers in the state of Washington. With this filing the Company requests an overall increase in billed rates of 13.4% (13.8% in base rates) or $55.3 million for electric service and 6.0% in billed rates (5.4% in base rates) or $8.5 million for natural gas service, to be implemented at the end of the general rate case proceedings.

Additionally, Avista Corporation requests that the Commission **immediately suspend the operation of the general tariff revisions** included in this filing, and set the matter for hearing, including the establishment of a prehearing conference, at the earliest possible date in accordance with WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

Service of documents pertaining to this filing should be to the following Avista Corporation representatives:

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Enclosed with this filing are an original and two copies of the following proposed tariff sheets formatted with the coding required by WAC 480-80-105, and three copies in legislative format as required by WAC 480-07-510:

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| 8th Revision Sheet 1 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 1 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 11 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 11 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 21 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 21 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 25 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 25 |
| 5th Revision Sheet 25A | Canceling | 4th Revision Sheet 25A |
| 8th Revision Sheet 31 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 31 |
| 7th Revision Sheet 41 | Canceling | 6th Revision Sheet 41 |
| 7th Revision Sheet 42 | Canceling | 6th Revision Sheet 42 |
| 7th Revision Sheet 44 | Canceling | 6th Revision Sheet 44 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 45 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 45 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 46 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 46 |
| 7th Revision Sheet 47 | Canceling | 6th Revision Sheet 47 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 47A | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 47A |
| 9th Revision Sheet 91 | Canceling | 8th Revision Sheet 91 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 101 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 101 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 111 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 111 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 112 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 112 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 121 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 121 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 122 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 122 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 131 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 131 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 132 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 132 |
| 8th Revision Sheet 146 | Canceling | 7th Revision Sheet 146 |
| 16th Revision Sheet 156 | Canceling | 15th Revision Sheet 156 |

In support of this filing, the Company has enclosed 19 copies of its prepared direct testimony and exhibits, as well as 3 copies of workpapers showing how test year data were adjusted. A summary document pertaining to the filing is provided as well as the financial reports and other documents required under WAC 480-07-510. An electronic version of this filing and all supporting documents is enclosed as well. The Office of Public Counsel has also been served with a copy of all such documents at the time of filing with the Commission.

Please note that the Company has simultaneously filed a “Motion for a Waiver of the Paper-Filing Requirements of WAC 480-07-510”. As noted in that filing, the Company has compiled extensive documentation in support of a number of proforma capital and expense items. This documentation, in exhibit form, consists of contracts, invoices, timelines, analysis, etc., e.g., gathered on a project-by-project basis, for various generation, transmission, distribution, and general plant additions, as well as for technology/information services. In its motion, Avista is requesting that WAC 480-07-510(1) be waived, insofar as it requires the filing and service of paper copies, so that Avista may file such material in electronic format only.

Please note that certain sections of the exhibits of Karen S. Feltes, James M. Kensok, Richard L. Storro, Clint G. Kalich, Scott J. Kinney, and Dave B. DeFelice, along with certain workpapers of Scott J. Kinney, William G. Johnson, and Clint G. Kalich have CONFIDENTIAL information. The workpapers of Clint G. Kalich are only being provided electronically on CD. Additionally as required by WAC 480-07-160(3)(a), the Company is also submitting an Attorney’s Claim of Confidentiality regarding the submission of the unredacted versions of the above-referenced CONFIDENTIAL exhibits and workpapers. These workpapers should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL per WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80-04-095.

Three copies of a “Notice of Tariff Change” are enclosed. This notice will be posted in the Company’s offices coincident with the date of this filing. A service list is attached, with the parties on the service list receiving a complete copy of the pre-filed testimony and exhibits.

Additional copies of this filing, supporting testimony and exhibits are available from the Company upon request. Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

Kelly Norwood

VP, State & Federal Regulation

Enclosures

cc: See attached service lists