

**AVISTA CORP.  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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**REQUEST:**

The following questions are intended to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the changes to the company's rates occurring throughout the year, and to obtain more detail regarding the effects of the amortizations and adjustment mechanisms outside of base rates, including the status of the company's current authorized and requested deferrals and amortizations.

1. Provide an updated version of the company's responses to the March 6, 2024, request for information in docket UM 2315 (attached as Appendix A) in the same format as the responses filed March 18, 2024.
  
2. Please provide a breakdown of all filed or anticipated rate adjustment requests or applications, including those included in this general rate revision, that could result in a rate adjustment effective between now and the end of the test year. Please provide the information requested in an excel spreadsheet in the format below, with all data filterable/sortable. Provide estimates where actuals are not available at the time the response is filed. For each item, identify the overall estimated rate impact, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms, that would result from approval of the company's request as well as the anticipated filing date and requested effective date of any associated rate adjustment. *For each date with a rate change, also provide combined rate impact figures for all changes effective on that date.*

Rate Adjustment	Filing Date (anticipated or actual)	Rate impact in \$	Rate impact in %	Rate Effective Date	Schedule #
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3. For the general rate revision proposed to be effective September 1, 2025, also provide the following information:
  - a. Base rate increase (% and \$) over current base rates, holding all else equal.
  - b. Base rate impact (% and \$), proposed base rates over current overall rates at the time of GRC filing, include average residential customer bill impacts, identifying level of usage.
  - c. Overall rate impact of all proposed rate changes via base rates and any other adjustment mechanisms for same effective date (% and \$), relative to overall rates as of GRC filing date, holding all else equal, include average residential customer bill impacts, identifying level of usage.

## RESPONSE:

1. See the attachment labeled “UG 519\_NONC\_BR\_001\_AttachA\_02252025”, tab “1-1” which details all currently-effective automatic adjustment clauses, amortizations, or other rate adjustments including their regular filing date, if applicable, and rate effective periods. Other than the base rate request in this current general rate case filing, there are no proposed rate adjustment filings before the Commission at this time.

See the attachment labeled “UG 519\_NONC\_BR\_001\_AttachA\_02252025”, tab “1-2” which details current deferral authorizations, balances, and other information in the format provided in the Company’s response to the March 6, 2024 request for information in Docket UM 2315.

2. See the attachment labeled “UG 519\_NONC\_BR\_001\_AttachA\_02252025”, tab “2-1” detailing the information on anticipated rate adjustment requests in the format requested.

The resulting rate impact from the base rate change proposed in this docket is an *increase* of \$7.8 million, or 6.6%, effective 9/1/2025 compared to billed revenue under current rates in effect as of January 1, 2025. Based on current information, the Company estimates the overall rate impact from anticipated rate changes effective 11/1/2025 will result in an increase in billed revenue of \$2.9 million, or 2.3% compared to billed revenue under current rates in effect as of January 1, 2025.

3. See the attachment labeled “UG 519\_NONC\_BR\_001\_AttachA\_02252025”, tab “3-1” detailing the information requested.
  - a. The base rate increase over current base rates is \$7.8 million, or 9.23% (see cells C9 and D9)
  - b. The Company filed its general rate case on November 1, 2024, which was the effective date of the Company’s annual gas cost adjustment filings related to purchased gas costs, decoupling, and various other items that reduced billed revenue by \$15.1 million, or 11.5%.

Subsequently, the Company filed to change its Public Purpose Funding Surcharge (Sch. 469) rate to support the Company’s energy efficiency programs (mostly administered by the Energy Trust of Oregon) that increased billed revenue by \$8.4 million, or 7.1%. That rate change was approved by the Commission to go into effect on January 1, 2025.

The base rate increase of \$7.8 million is an increase of 6.2% over overall billed revenue based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2025 (see cells C15 and D15), which incorporates the Sch. 469 rate adjustment.

Incorporating the effect of the general rate case, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$4.37, or 6.4%, on September 1, 2025 compared to their current bill of \$68.34 based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2025 (see cells E15 and F15).

- c. Based on the estimated rate impact of anticipated filings this summer (not including the GRC) with an effective date of November 1, 2025, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms per month would see an increase of \$0.63, or 0.9%, compared to their current bill of \$68.34 based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2025 (see cells E24 and F24).

When combined, the rate impact from this general rate case filing and the estimated impact from anticipated filings effective November 1, 2025, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms per month would see an increase of \$5.00, or 7.3%, compared to their current bill of \$68.34 based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2025 (see cells E29 and F29).

<b>Rate Effective Date</b>	<b>Proposed 9/1/2025</b>	<b>Anticipated 11/1/2025</b>	<b>Combined Effect 11/1/2025</b>
<b>Reason for Change</b>	<b>Proposed GRC (UG-519)</b>	<b>Annual Summer Filings</b>	<b>Total of Proposed GRC and Anticipated Annual Summer Filings</b>
<b>Avg Res Monthly Bill (New)</b>	\$ 72.71	\$ 68.97	\$ 73.34
<b>Avg Res Monthly Bill (Prior)</b>	\$ 68.34	\$ 68.34	\$ 68.34
<b>Change (\$)</b>	\$ 4.37	\$ 0.63	\$ 5.00
<b>Change (%)</b>	6.4%	0.9%	7.3%

In total, the combined change in revenue since the date this general rate case was filed (11/1/2024), inclusive of the rate change that took effect that day related to 2024 annual summer filings (noted in part 3b), the rate change effective 1/1/2025 for Public Purpose Funding (ETO/AOILLE), the impact of the full request in this general rate case taking effect 9/1/2025, and the estimated impact from filings that will be made this summer for a 11/1/2025 effective date is an increase in billed revenue of \$4.0 million, or 3.1%. A residential customer using an average of 47 therms per month would see an increase of \$2.81, or 4.0%, compared to their bill of \$70.53 based on rates in effect as of October 31, 2024.

<b>Avg Res Monthly Bill (Proposed GRC and Estimated Impact of Anticipated Filings)</b>	\$ 70.53
<b>Avg Res Monthly Bill (rates effective 10/31/2024)</b>	\$ 73.34
<b>Change (\$)</b>	\$ 2.81
<b>Change (%)</b>	4.0%

Description	Regular annual filing schedule (y/n)	Most Recent Filing Date	Rate Effective Date	Rate adjustment mechanism type (AAC, etc)	Schedule # (if applicable)	Associated deferral (docket #)	Currently in use (y/n)	Notes
Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment	Y	7/31/2025	11/1/2025	ORS 757-259	461/462	UM 1497	Y	
COVID Deferred Costs	N	7/31/2024	11/1/2024 - 10/31/2025	ORS 757-259	467	UM 2069	Y	1 Year Amortization expires 10/31/2025 and not expected to have a rate effective 11/1/2025
Public Purpose Funding Rate Adjustment	Y	11/15/2025	1/1/2026	ORS 757-259	469	UM 1979	Y	Filings are made on an as needed basis
Decoupling Rate Adjustment	Y	7/31/2025	11/1/2025	ORS 757-259	475	UM 1753	Y	
Intervenor Funding Rate Adjustment	Y	7/31/2025	11/1/2025	ORS 757-259	476	UM 1356	Y	
Regulatory Fees Rate Adjustment	Y	7/31/2025	11/1/2025	ORS 757-259	482	UM 2053	Y	
Tax Customer Credit Adjustment Schedule	N	Part of GRC Settlement	8/22/2022 - 8/21/2032	GRC	486	UM 2124	Y	Adjustments are made in GRC's (10-yr amortization)
Deferred Tax Customer Credit Adjustment Schedule	N	Part of GRC Settlement	8/22/2022 - 8/21/2024	GRC	487	UM 2124	N	1 Year Amortization expired 8/21/2024
Low Income Rate Assistance Program Rate Adjustment	Y	7/31/2025	11/1/2025	ORS 757-259	493	UM 1978	Y	Filings are made on an as needed basis
CPP Costs	Y	N/A	N/A	ORS 757-259	T80	UM 2361	N	Expected to begin recovery 11/1/2025

Avista's typical protocol for the recovery of costs, or rebate of revenues, has been through the deferred accounting and rate adjustment process generally under ORS 757.259. This process has involved seeking deferred accounting treatment (and subsequent reauthorizations), and then rate adjustment filings to rebate or surcharge any deferred balance, over a subsequent 12 month basis. These rate adjustments have typically been timed with, and inclusive of, the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment.

Deferral										
Description of costs/revenues	Docket #	Initial/ reauthorization	Date Filed	Deferral Period	Authorized /Pending	Date Authorized	Reauthorization anticipated (y/n)	Amounts deferred (\$ by deferral period)	Applicable interest rate	Accrued interest (to date)
<b>Annual Rate Change Filings</b>										
Intervenor Funding	UM 1356	reauthorization	7/31/2024	11/1/2024 - 10/31/2025	Authorized	10/31/2024	Y	\$ 81,710	7.235% (Authorized ROR in effect at time of annual Schedule 476 filing)	\$ 673
PGA Reauthorization	UM 1497	reauthorization	7/31/2024	11/1/2024 - 10/31/2025	Authorized	10/31/2024	Y	\$ (9,564,214)	7.235% (Authorized ROR in effect at time of annual Schedule 461/462 filing)	\$ (372,101)
Decoupling	UM 1753	reauthorization	10/29/2024	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Authorized	12/10/2024	Y	\$ 4,613,467	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 475 filing)	\$ 153,343
LIRAP	UM 1978	reauthorization	10/29/2024	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Pending		Y	\$ 979,095	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 493 filing)	\$ 35,723
Public Purpose Funding	UM 1979	reauthorization	10/29/2024	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Pending		Y	\$ 2,291,268	NA	\$ -
Regulatory Fees	UM 2053	reauthorization	10/29/2024	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	Pending		Y	\$ 34,267	7.235% (Authorized ROR in effect at time of annual Schedule 482 filing)	\$ 1,058.19
<b>Other Filings</b>										
AFUDC	UM 2205	reauthorization	12/18/2024	1/15/2025-1/14/2026	Pending		Y	\$ 1,238,624	n/a	\$ -
CPP	UM 2254	reauthorization	10/27/2023	9/13/23-12/20/23	Authorized	7/10/2024	N	\$ 92,298	None	\$ -
Declared Emergency Deferral	UM 2260	Initial	11/14/2022	n/a	Authorized	11/28/2023	N	\$ -	None	\$ -
Tax (Fed)	UM 2124	reauthorization	10/29/2024	10/30/2024-10/29/2025	Pending		Y	included in general rate case filings		\$ -
Energy Efficiency for Transport Customers	UM 2318	Initial	3/12/2024	3/11/2024-3/10/2025	Authorized	10/16/2024	N	\$ -	n/a	\$ -
CPP	UM 2361	Initial	12/17/2024	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	Authorized	2/18/2025	Y	\$ -	Weighted average cost of capital (7.235%)	\$ -

Current balance (total \$)	Amortization									
	Amortization ongoing (y/n)	Applicable interest rate	Amortization term	Amortization request pending (y/n)	Anticipated amortization request (approx date)	Amortization schedule/method	Schedule # (if applicable)	Most recent Advice filing #	Associated with recurring filing (y/n)	
\$ 82,383	Y	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 476 filing)	12 months	N	7/31/2025	Per therm	476	24-04-G	Y	
\$ (9,936,315)	Y	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 461/462 filing)	12 months	N	7/31/2025	Per therm	462	24-02-G	Y	
\$ 4,766,810	Y	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 475 filing)	12 months	N	7/31/2025	Per therm	475	24-03-G	Y	
\$ 1,014,819	Y	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 493 filing)	12 months	N	7/31/2025	Per therm	493	24-06-G	Y	
\$ 2,291,268	Y	None	12 months	N	10/31/2025	Per therm	469	24-10-G	Y	
\$ 35,326	Y	5.40% (annual MBT rate updated annually with Schedule 482 filing)	12 months	N	7/31/2025	Per therm	482	24-05-G	Y	
\$ 1,238,624	Y	None	Varies	N	N/A	Life of Asset	N/A	N/A	N	
\$ 92,298	N								N	
\$ -	N								N	
\$ -	Y						486		N	
\$ -							469		N	
\$ -	Y	Weighted average cost of capital (7.235%)							Y	

Notes
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Annual Schedule 476 filing amortizes deferral balance as of June 30 each year, therefore the deferral balance and interest to date is for the period of 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2025  
Annual PGA filing amortizes deferral balance as of June 30 each year, therefore the deferral balance and interest to date is for the period of 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2025  
The deferral balance shown is for the period of 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 which will be included in the 7/31/2025 filing's balance to amortize  
Includes deferral and interest through 1/31/2025.  
The deferral balance shown is for the period of 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 which was included in the 24-10-G rates that went into effect 1/1/2025.  
The deferral balance shown is for the period of 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 which will be included in the 7/31/2025 filing's balance to amortize

Incorporated in GRC filings  
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Adjustments are included in GRC's

Anticipated to propose recovery beginning 11/1/2025

Forecasted test year billed revenue based on rates currently in effect (1/1/2025): \$

127,006,000

Rate Adjustment	Filing Date (anticipated or actual)	Rate impact in \$	Rate impact in % (Current Billed)	Rate Effective Date	Schedule #
	11/1/2024	\$ 7,822,000	6.2%	9/1/2025	Base Rates
	7/31/2025	\$ (4,120,000)	-3.2%	11/1/2025	461/462 (PGA)
	7/31/2025	\$ 205,000	0.2%	11/1/2025	467* (Covid Deferral)
	7/31/2025	\$ 7,500,000	5.9%	11/1/2025	475 (Decoupling)
	7/31/2025	\$ 800,000	0.6%	11/1/2025	TBD (CPP)
	7/31/2025	\$ -	0.0%	11/1/2025	476** (Intervenor Funding)
	7/31/2025	\$ -	0.0%	11/1/2025	482** (Regulatory Fees)
	7/31/2025	\$ (1,500,000)	-1.2%	11/1/2025	493 (LIRAP)
		\$ 2,885,000	2.3%		
	11/15/2025	\$ -	0.0%	1/1/2026	469** (Public Purpose - ETO)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 10,707,000</b>	<b>8.4%</b>		

\*Schedule 467 amortized a residual deferral with credit balance to customers from 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2025 and is not expected to have a rate going forward, therefore the rate impact is the effect of this credit expiring.

\*\*The annual revenue/(rebates) associated with Schedules 469, 476, and 482 are not forecasted to materially change effective 11/1/2025 or 1/1/2026 compared to rates currently in effect and are therefore estimated to have a \$0 Rate Impact.



Forecasted test year base revenue based on rates in effect at time of filing (November 1, 2024): \$ 84,703,000  
 Forecasted test year billed revenue based on rates in effect at time of filing (November 1, 2024): \$ 118,505,000  
 Forecasted test year base revenue based on rates currently in effect (January 1, 2025): \$ 84,703,000  
 Forecasted test year billed revenue based on rates currently in effect (January 1, 2025): \$ 127,006,000

Bench Request Reference	Question 3a				
	Filing Date (anticipated or actual)	Rate impact in \$	Rate impact in % (Current Base)	Rate Effective Date	Schedule #
	11/1/2024	\$ 7,822,000	9.2%	9/1/2025	Base Rates

Bench Request Reference	Question 3b & 3c							
	Rate Adjustment	Filing Date (anticipated or actual)	Rate impact in \$	Rate impact in % (Current Billed)	Rate impact in \$ (avg. residential bill)	Rate impact in % (avg. residential bill)	Rate Effective Date	Schedule #
		11/1/2024	\$ 7,822,000	6.2%	\$ 4.37	6.4%	9/1/2025	Base Rates
		7/31/2025	\$ (4,120,000)	-3.2%	\$ (1.93)	-2.8%	11/1/2025	461/462 (PGA)
		7/31/2025	\$ 205,000	0.2%	\$ 0.18	0.3%	11/1/2025	467* (Covid Deferral)
		7/31/2025	\$ 7,500,000	5.9%	\$ 3.07	4.5%	11/1/2025	475 (Decoupling)
		7/31/2025	\$ 800,000	0.6%	\$ 0.27	0.4%	11/1/2025	TBD (CPP)
		7/31/2025	\$ -	0.0%			11/1/2025	476** (Intervenor Funding)
		7/31/2025	\$ -	0.0%			11/1/2025	482** (Regulatory Fees)
		7/31/2025	\$ (1,500,000)	-1.2%	\$ (0.97)	-1.4%	11/1/2025	493 (LIRAP)
			\$ 2,885,000	2.3%	\$ 0.63	0.9%		
		11/15/2025	\$ -	0.0%			1/1/2026	469** (Public Purpose - ETO)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,707,000</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>7.3%</b>		
					Proposed 9/1/2025			
				Current	(UG-519)	Change	Estimated (11/1/2025)	Change
		Monthly basic charge	\$ 11.25	\$ 13.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 13.00	\$ -	
		Billing rate per therm	\$ 1.21464	\$ 1.27037	\$ 0.05573	\$ 1.28386	\$ 0.01349	
		Average residential customer use (therms)	47	47	47	47	47	
		Monthly Bill	\$ 68.34	\$ 72.71	\$ 4.37	\$ 73.34	\$ 0.63	

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Rate Effective Date	Actual		Proposed	Anticipated	Combined Effect		Total Changes (Actual, Proposed, and Anticipated) Since Filing
	11/1/2024	1/1/2025	9/1/2025	11/1/2025	11/1/2025		
Reason for Change	Annual Summer Filings	Public Purpose Funding (Sch 469)	Proposed GRC (UG-519)	Annual Summer Filings	Total of Proposed GRC and Anticipated Annual Summer Filings		
Avg Res Monthly Bill (New)	\$ 64.38	\$ 68.34	\$ 72.71	\$ 68.97	\$ 73.34	\$ 73.34	\$ 73.34
Avg Res Monthly Bill (Prior)	\$ 70.53	\$ 64.38	\$ 68.34	\$ 68.34	\$ 68.34	\$ 68.34	\$ 70.53
Change (\$)	\$ (6.15)	\$ 3.96	\$ 4.37	\$ 0.63	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.81
Change (%)	-8.7%	6.2%	6.4%	0.9%	7.3%	7.3%	4.0%

Schedule 410							
Per therm rate	1.26127	1.13033	1.21464	1.27037	1.22813	1.28386	
Monthly Basic Charge	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.25	\$ 13.00	\$ 11.25	\$ 13.00	
				\$ 4.37			

Avg Res Monthly Bill (Proposed GRC and Estimated Impact of Anticipated Filings)	\$ 70.53
Avg Res Monthly Bill (rates effective 10/31/2024)	\$ 73.34
Change (\$)	\$ 2.81
Change (%)	4.0%