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October 30, 2026

Public Utilities Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3612

RE: Docket No. UM 1979—Avista Utilities Application for Reauthorization

Filing Center:

In accordance with ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), hereby submits for electronic filing an Application for Reauthorization to defer certain expenses or revenues related to its Tariff Schedule 469 – "Public Purpose Funding Surcharge-Oregon".

As required by OAR 860-027-0300(3)(e) and (6), a Notice of Application and list of persons served with the Notice has been sent to all parties in the Company's current general rate case, Docket No. UG 519. A copy of the Notice and the Certificate of Service are attached as an Exhibit to the Application.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Athena Allen at (509) 495-8325 or email athena.allen@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

DOCKET NO. UM 1979

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING DEFERRAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM EXPENSES COLLECTED THROUGH RATE SCHEDULE 469	) APPLICATION) FOR REAUTHORIZATION) OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL) ACCOUNTS

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4), Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), hereby applies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing the Company to utilize deferred accounting for revenues collected through its Tariff Schedule 469 – "Public Purpose Funding Surcharge – Oregon" ("Public Purpose Charge"). This schedule collects funds to be used for Avista's energy efficiency programs, administered through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) and the Company. Avista respectfully requests that this deferral be effective for the 12-month period beginning January 1, 2027.

In support of this Application, the Company states:

Avista provides natural gas service in southwestern and northeastern Oregon and is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under ORS 757.005(1)(a)(A).

Avista requests that all notices, pleadings, and correspondence regarding this Application be sent to the following:

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This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which empowers the Commission to authorize the deferral of expenses or revenues of a public utility for later incorporation into rates.

BACKGROUND

Deferral of the revenues related to the Company's natural gas energy efficiency programs was previously authorized by the Commission on April 15, 2026, through Order No. 26-119 in Docket No. UM 1979. The authorization for deferred accounting treatment as described above can be authorized pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e). Under the Company's Public Purpose Charge, Avista collects funds necessary to administer and deliver energy efficiency programs to its customers. Over a 12-month period, the Company records the funds collected through Schedule 469, netted with the costs of the energy efficiency programs, in a balancing account; any unspent funds or uncollected costs are held over to the following year, with any adjustments needed requested in January of each year. This meets the requirement under ORS 757.259(2)(e), specifically "identifiable utility expenses or revenues, the recovery or refund of which the commission finds should be deferred in order to minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or to match appropriately the costs borne by and benefits received by ratepayers."

Section 7 of the Partial Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. UG-288, approved by the Commission in Order No. 16-109, set forth the agreed-upon energy efficiency program, and associated provisions for the Public Purpose Charge. The requirements of the energy efficiency program approved by the Commission on March 1, 2016 are as follows:

- A new rate schedule, Schedule 469, was established to provide recovery of the approved energy efficiency programs.
- The initial rate for Schedule 469 was set at the rate that was in effect for Schedule 478, which provided for recovery of costs associated with Commission-approved demand side management programs.
- The Public Purpose Funding Surcharge collected through Schedule 469,

would be used for the following programs: 1) Conservation Acquisition Programs managed by the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), 2) Avista Oregon Low Income Energy Efficiency Program (AOLIEE) managed by Avista and Community Action Agencies, and 3) Company energy efficiency program administrative costs.[1]

DESCRIPTION OF DEFERRAL

Presently, Avista records the funds collected with Schedule 469 and the costs of managing the energy efficiency programs in a regulatory liability account, FERC Account No. 242.6 (DSM Tariff Rider). A summary of the accounting entries recorded by Avista is as follows:

Transactions to Record Energy Efficiency Revenues and Costs

FERC	Account Description	DR	CR
142.1	Customer Accounts Receivable	$XXX	
48X.X	Revenue from Customers		$XXX
	To record revenue collected from Schedule 469.		
908.6	Customer Service & Information Expense	$XXX	
242.6	DSM Tariff Rider		$XXX
	To transfer funds collected from Schedule 469 to balancing account.		
242.6	DSM Tariff Rider	$XXX	
232.1	Accounts Payable		$XXX
	To record energy efficiency program costs.		

As funds are used for energy efficiency activities, the balancing account is debited for the amount of the expenditure disbursement. As described in Schedule 469, the Company determines annually if the Public Purpose Funding Surcharge needs to be adjusted so that forecasted collections, plus any unspent collections, are sufficient to meet all programming needs by the ETO and the Company. The balance in the account (either unspent funds or uncollected costs) is deferred at December 31 each year. The net amount in the account is included in the Company's annual filing

[1] In Advice No. 16-14-G, dated November 7, 2016, costs of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) natural gas programs were included in the proposed budget for energy efficiency programs covered by Schedule 469.

when the Public Purpose Funding Surcharge is updated, when necessary, for the upcoming year. In absence of a deferred accounting order from the Commission, Avista would instead transfer the balance of the account at December 31 into earnings. Interest does not accrue on this balancing account.

PROPOSED ACCOUNTING

In this Reauthorization application, Avista is not proposing any change to the current deferral accounting. The Company would continue to record the funds collected through Schedule 469 as described above.

CURRENT DEFERRAL BALANCES

At December 31, 2025, the total balance in the DSM Tariff Rider account, subject to deferral, was $1,973,293 For illustrative purposes, since December 31, 2023, a summary of energy efficiency funds collected and spent is as follows:

Avista's Energy Efficiency Program Summary Transactions Recorded in Balancing Account (FERC Account No. 242.6) For December 31, 2023 through December 31, 2025		
Balance at December 31, 2023	$	(570,742)
2024 Tariff Collections		(2,930,130)
2024 Energy Efficiency Costs		5,485,044
Balance at December 31, 2024	$	1,984,172
2024 Tariff Collections		(9,617,922)
2024 Energy Efficiency Costs		9,607,043
Balance at December 31, 2025	$	1,973,293

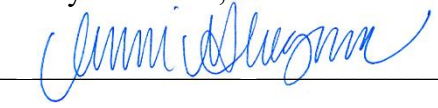
At December 31, 2023, the Company's program-to-date costs exceeded its collections by $461,218. At December 31, 2024, the funds collected throughout the year were short of program costs by $2,554,914, with the $1,984,172 balance carrying over to be collected in the 2025 program year. Then, with tariff collections exceeding program costs in 2025 by $10,879, the uncollected

carryover balance for the 2025 program year, at December 31, 2025, was $1,973,293.

WHEREFORE, Avista Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission reauthorize the Company to defer the unspent funds or uncollected costs of its energy efficiency programs for the 12-month period, January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. The Company is not proposing an adjustment to customers' retail rates through this Application. Pursuant to OAR 800-027-0300(3)(e)(6), a copy of the Notice of Application and list of persons served with the Notice is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

DATED this 30th day of October 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Docket No. UM 1979

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL ACCOUNTS

October 30, 2026

To All Parties Who Participated in UG 519:

Please be advised that on October 30, 2026, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "Company"), applied to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing the Company to utilize deferred accounting for revenues collected through its Tariff Schedule 469, "Public Purpose Funding Surcharge-Oregon", which funds Avista's energy efficiency programs, administered through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) and the Company. This filing has been made pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4).

This Notice is being provided to all parties that participated in Avista's most recent general rate case, Docket No. UG 519, to inform them that an Application for Reauthorization has been filed. Parties wanting more information or who wish to obtain a copy of the filing can access the Application on the Commission website, or by contacting either of the following:

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Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on this matter by November 24, 2026. Approval of Avista's Application will not authorize a change in the Company's rates but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

DATED this 30th day of October 2026. By: _____

Anni Glogovac
Counsel for Regulatory Affairs

UM 1979 – EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served Avista's application for an order authorizing deferred accounting and ratemaking treatment of costs associated with certain expenses or revenues related to Tariff Schedule 469 – "Public Purpose Funding Surcharge-Oregon", upon the parties listed below.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 30th day of October 2026.

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