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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 2053—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, for later rate-making treatment, the differences associated with an increase in the annual regulatory fee allowed by ORS 756.310.

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 me at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,

/s/Joe Miller

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

DOCKET NO. UM 2053

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER REAUTHORIZING DEFERRAL OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN ANNUAL REGULATORY FEE	)))))	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 Avista to defer, for later rate-making treatment, the costs associated with an increase in the annual regulatory fee allowed by ORS 756.310 ("Deferred Amount"). Avista requests this deferral to be effective January 1, 2027 and be subject to annual renewals until the fee rate is incorporated into Avista's next general rate case.

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. Deferral of these costs associated with the change in regulatory fee were previously authorized by the Commission on March 3, 2020, by Order No. 20-059 in Docket No. UM 2053, March 12, 2021, by Order No. 21-080 in Docket No. UM 2053(1), August 16, 2022, by Order No. 22-301 in Docket No. UM 2053(2), February 23, 2023, by Order No. 23-054 in Docket No. UM 2053(3), July 9, 2024, by Order No. 24-227 in Docket No. UM 2053(4), March 27, 2025 Order No. 25-122 in Docket No. UM 2053(5) and December 30, 2026 in Docket No. UM 2053(6).

I. OAR 860-027-0300(6) REQUIREMENTS

The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3):

A. Background Description

On February 20, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 24-054 in the same Docket, authorizing collection of the annual regulatory fee at 0.45 percent of 2023 gross operating revenues. On February 19, 2025, the Commission issued Order No. 25-069 in the same Docket, authorizing collection of the annual regulatory fee at 0.45 percent of 2024 gross operating revenues. On February 17, 2026, the Commission issued Order No. 26-043 in the same Docket, authorizing collection of the annual regulatory fee at 0.36 percent of 2025 gross operating revenues. By March 1, 2027, the Commission will issue another Order in Docket No. UM 1012 establishing the annual regulatory fee for gross operating revenue derived from natural gas utility operations in Oregon during the calendar year 2026. Senate Bill 68 allows for a fee level increase up to 0.45 percent of gross operating revenue.

The 2021 and 2022 amounts the Company deferred under UM 2053 were subsequently allowed to be recovered through temporary tariff Schedule 482 in Docket No. UG-415 (Order No. 21-359) and Docket No. UG-441 (Order No. 22-413), respectively. The 2023 amounts the Company

deferred under UM 2053 were allowed to be recovered in Docket No. UG 470 (Order No. 23-393). The 2024 amounts the Company deferred under UM 2053 were allowed to be recovered in Docket No. UG 498 (Order No. 24-369). The 2025 amounts the Company deferred under UM 2053 were allowed to be recovered in Docket No. ADV 1754.

B. Reasons for Deferral

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e) and for the reasons discussed above, Avista seeks continued deferred accounting treatment for costs associated with any potential increase in the annual regulatory fee, effective January 1, 2027. As mentioned above, the imposition of this fee will occur in early 2027 and be applicable for the full year, thus Avista is unable to include it within a prior or existing rate proceeding. Granting this Application will minimize the frequency of rate changes and match appropriately the costs borne by and benefits received by customers.

C. Proposed Accounting for Recording Amounts Deferred.

Avista proposes to record the deferred amount as a regulatory asset in FERC account 182.3 (Other Regulatory Assets) with a credit to FERC account 407 (Regulatory Credits). Absent Commission approval of this application, Avista will record the incremental cost in FERC account 928 (Regulatory Commission Expense).

D. Estimate of Amounts to be Recorded for the Next 12 months.

The Company included in its 2021 general rate case (Docket No. UG 433) a Commission regulatory fee of 0.375 percent, and that was embedded in the Stipulations approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-291 for rates effective since August 22, 2022. The Company included in its 2023 general rate case (Docket No. UG 461) a Commission regulatory fee of 0.430 percent, and that was embedded in the Stipulations approved by the Commission in Order No. 23-384 for rates effective since January 1, 2024. The Company included in its 2024 general rate case (Docket No. UG 519) a Commission regulatory fee of percent, and that was embedded in the Stipulations

approved by the Commission in Order No. 25-198 for rates effective since September 1. Based on the 2025 fee rate decreasing to 0.360 percent per Order No. 26-043, Avista estimates a deferral of approximately ($5,038).

In accordance with Order No. 05-1070, Avista will accrue interest on the unamortized balance at a rate equal to its authorized weighted average cost of capital most recently approved by the Commission.

E. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferral of Costs Associated with an Increase in the Annual Regulatory Fee and a list of persons served with the Notice are attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

II. OAR 860-027-0300(6) REQUIREMENTS

A. Entries in the Deferred Account to Date

As of December 2024, the Company deferred $34,267 related to the fee increase from 0.430 percent to 0.450 in 2024 that has subsequently been fully amortized as it was recovered from customers from November 1, 2024 though October 1, 2025. As of December 2025, the Company deferred $28,876 related to the fee of 0.450 percent in 2025 that has subsequently been fully amortized as it was recovered from customers from November 1, 2025 through October 1, 2026. By December 2026, the Company will have deferred ($5,038) related to the fee decrease from 0.450 percent to 0.360 percent in 2026.

B. Reason for Continuation of Deferred Accounting

As discussed earlier, this deferral is intended to capture incremental annual regulatory fee expenses resulting from Senate Bill 68, should the Commission adjust the regulatory fee percentage.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Avista respectfully requests that, consistent with ORS 757.259, the Commission reauthorize the Company to record and defer incremental Oregon annual regulatory fee expenses resulting from Senate Bill 68 for the January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 time period. The Company is not proposing an adjustment to customer's 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: _____

Anni Glogovac, OSB #260305
Counsel for Regulatory Affairs
Avista Corporation

Docket No. UM 2053

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DEFERRAL OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN ANNUAL REGULATORY FEE

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 Avista to defer, for later rate-making treatment, the costs associated with an increase in the annual regulatory fee allowed by ORS 756.310 ("Deferred Amount"). This filing has been made pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4).

This Notice is being sent 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

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 an increase in the annual regulatory fee allowed, 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.

/s/ Athena Allen
Athena Allen
Regulatory Affairs Analyst