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Advice No. 19-01-G

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High St SE Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025(1), attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation's, dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "the Company"), filing of its proposed tariff sheet, P.U.C. OR No. 5 and Less Than Statutory Notice Application:

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As explained in more detail below, the Company is requesting a rate decrease of \$3,708,000 or 4.2%, effective March 1, 2019.

The primary purpose of this filing is to pass back the 2018 deferred portion of the benefits attributable to the revisions of the federal income tax code caused by the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017. Per discussions with Commission Staff, the Company is requesting less than statutory notice to begin returning the deferred tax benefits of \$3.708 million to customers over a twelve month period effective March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

The Company is proposing that the reduction of revenue would be on an equal percentage of margin revenue basis, applied on a uniform cents per therm to the volumetric block rates, from Schedules 410, 420, 424, 440, 444 and 456. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by the filing, and the annual revenue before and after the impact of the proposed rate change, are as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Schedule 410	91,544
Schedule 420	11,865
Schedule 424	89
Schedule 440	40
Schedule 444	3
Schedule 456	34

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Present Revenue</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	<u>% Decreases</u>
Schedule 410	\$ 56,506	\$ (2,412)	\$ 54,093	-4.3%
Schedule 420	\$ 25,926	\$ (1,029)	\$ 24,897	-4.0%
Schedule 424	\$ 1,840	\$ (38)	\$ 1,802	-2.1%
Schedule 440	\$ 1,737	\$ (54)	\$ 1,684	-3.1%
Schedule 444	\$ 113	\$ (3)	\$ 111	-2.2%
Schedule 456	\$ 3,014	\$ (172)	\$ 2,842	-5.7%
	\$ 89,136	\$ (3,708)	\$ 85,428	-4.2%

A residential customer using an average of 47 therms a month could expect their bill to decrease by \$2.18 or 4.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$49.02 effective March 1, 2019.

Avista will issue a notice to customers in our March billing cycle. The form of customer notice is attached to this filing. In addition, information related to this filing has been included on the Company's website, www.myavista.com/rates.

The Company requests the tariff changes be effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2019. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601 or Joe Miller, at (509) 495-4546.

Sincerely,



Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at puc.filingcenter@state.or.us.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF <u>Avista</u> (UTILITY COMPANY) TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.)))))	UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION NO. _____ (LEAVE BLANK)
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NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)
 New rate schedule 474 designed to pass back temporary federal income tax benefits due to the change in federal tax rate.

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)
 N/A

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)
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4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:
 Per discussions with Commission Staff, and other interested parties, the Company is proposing to pass back the 2018 deferred temporary portion of tax benefits effective March 1, 2019.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): March 1, 2019

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 	TITLE Manager of Pricing and Tariffs	DATE February 11, 2019
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<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE	

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 474

TEMPORARY FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATE CREDIT - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

Adjustments under this schedule are applicable to all bills calculated under all schedules of this Tariff.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this rate credit is to reflect the temporary benefits attributable to the revisions of the federal income tax code caused by the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017.

MONTHLY RATE:

The Commodity Charge per therm of the individual rate schedules are to be reduced by the following amounts:

Rate Schedule	Rate
Schedule 410	\$0.04645 per Therm
Schedule 420	\$0.03658 per Therm
Schedule 424	\$0.00872 per Therm
Schedule 440	\$0.00673 per Therm
Schedule 444	\$0.00991 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00458 per Therm

TERM:

The Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit will be in effect for a one-year period from March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. Any residual balance related to the 2018 temporary portion of the federal income tax deferral will either be transferred to the 2019 temporary portion of the federal income tax deferral or to the Company's residual balancing account at the end of the final amortization period.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

This schedule is subject to the General Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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Effective For Service On & After March 1, 2019

Issued by Avista Utilities
By



Patrick Ehrbar, Director of Regulatory Affairs

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**Important Notice for Oregon Natural Gas Customers
March 2019**

On Feb. 11, 2019, Avista filed a rate change proposal with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) asking for an overall decrease of 4.2 percent in natural gas rates effective March 1, 2019. If this decrease is approved, Avista's natural gas revenues would decrease by approximately \$3.7 million.

The purpose of this filing is to pass back the temporary portion of deferred tax benefits for 2018 attributable to the revisions of the federal income tax code caused by the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017.

The bottom line

If Avista's natural gas rate request is approved, an Avista natural gas customer using an average of 47 therms per month could expect to see a bill decrease of \$2.18, or 4.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$49.02 beginning March 1, 2019. Several other non-residential customer groups receiving firm natural gas service from Avista would also see decreases.

For more information

Copies of our filings are available at <https://myavista.com/rates>, or you can review the filings by visiting our headquarters at:

**1411 E. Mission, Spokane, WA 99202
(800) 227-9187**

You can also view copies of the filing at one of our district offices located at:

580 Business Park Drive, Medford, OR 97504
2825 Dakota Court, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
10201 "F" Street, La Grande, OR 97850
1404 Green Siding Road, Roseburg, OR 97471

This announcement is to provide you with general information about Avista's rate request and its effect on customers. The calculations and statements in this announcement are not binding on the PUC. For more information about the filing or for information about the time and place of any hearing, contact the PUC at:

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