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November 15, 2007

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148

**RE: UG-181 – In the Matter of the Application of AVISTA CORPORATION,
dba AVISTA UTILITIES, for a General Rate Revision**

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule 860-022-0017, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, respectfully submits the attached Affidavit of Deborah M. Simock Regarding Notice of General Rate Revision.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Andrews".

Elizabeth M. Andrews
Manager, Revenue Requirements

Enclosure

c: See attached service list

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UG-181

In the matter of the Application of)	AFFIDAVIT OF
AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA)	DEBORAH M. SIMOCK
AVISTA UTILITIES for a General)	REGARDING NOTICE OF
<u>Rate Revision</u>)	GENERAL RATE REVISION

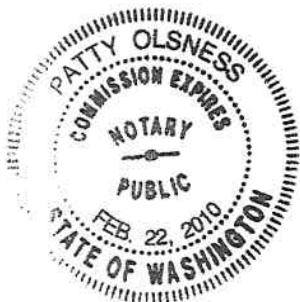
I, Deborah M. Simock, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. My full name is Deborah M. Simock. I am a Communications Manager with Avista Corporation (Avista).
2. Avista filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon its Request for a General Rate Revision on October 12, 2007, Advice Letter 07-09-G.
3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, Avista caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on Friday, October 26, 2007, in the Medford Mail Tribune, the Grants Pass Daily Courier, the La Grande Observer, the Klamath Falls Herald and News, and the Roseburg News-Review. The ad size was three columns wide by 10 inches tall. A copy of that announcement is attached as Exhibit A.

Dated this 15th day of November 2007.

Deborah M. Simock

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of November 2007.



Patty Olsness

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington, residing at Spokane.

Commission Expires: 2/22/10

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AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH M. SIMOCK
REGARDING NOTICE OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S
GENERAL RATE REVISION

EXHIBIT A

Avista Files for Natural Gas Rate Changes

On Oct. 15, 2007, Avista filed two separate requests with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) seeking changes in natural gas rates. The first filing is a purchased gas cost adjustment (PGA) which is filed annually to reflect changes in the cost of natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers' needs. The PGA filing reflects an average natural gas price decrease of 1.7 percent, to be effective Nov. 1, 2007. The second filing is a general (non gas-cost related) rate request seeking a 2.3 percent increase. The PUC has up to 10 months to make a determination on the general rate request.

Purchase Gas Cost Adjustment

The PGA decrease reflects lower wholesale natural gas prices through September of this year compared to the same period last year. If the decrease is approved by the PUC, a residential customer using an average of 51 therms of natural gas per month could expect to see a \$1.09 decrease, or 1.4 percent, for a revised total monthly bill of \$77.82 beginning Nov. 1. Most commercial customers will see a decrease of 1.6 percent, while industrial customers will see a slightly higher decrease.

General Rate Filing

The general rate filing reflects changes in costs other than the cost of the natural gas. The requested general increase of 2.3 percent, or \$2.97 million annually, is driven by higher costs associated with expanding and maintaining the company's natural gas distribution system. Avista's last general rate increase was in October 2003.

The proposed increase for a residential customer using an average of 51 therms of natural gas per month is \$2.02 per month, or 2.6 percent, for an average monthly bill of \$79.84. The proposed increase for most commercial and industrial customers is between 1 and 2 percent.

The PUC has the authority to determine how much, if any, of the proposed general increase is granted. The PUC has up to 10 months to review the general rate filing.

Avista's continued commitment to customers includes support for LIRAP, an energy assistance program similar to the Federal and State-sponsored LIHEAP program; Project Share, a fuel-blind energy assistance program; CARES, a program assisting customers facing challenges in paying their bills. Avista also offers level payment plans and payment arrangements. Avista also offers a number of programs to help customers manage their energy usage, as well as energy efficiency rebates and incentive programs for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Copies of Avista's general rate filing and purchased gas cost adjustment filings are available for inspection at the company's main and district offices at the locations below.

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(800) 227-9187, www.avistautilities.com

Avista's district offices in Oregon are located at:

580 Business Park Drive, Medford, OR 97501
456 Market Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601
10201 S "F" Street, Island City, OR 97850
1404 Green Siding Road, Roseburg, OR 97470

The purpose of this announcement is to provide Avista customers with general information about the company's proposals and its effect on its customers. The calculations and statements contained in this announcement are not binding on the PUC. For more information about the filings or information regarding the time and place of any hearing, contact the PUC at:

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street N.E., Suite 215, Salem, OR 97301-2551
(800) 522-2402, www.puc.state.or.us

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served Affidavit of Deborah M. Simock in the Oregon Natural Gas General Rate Case Filing of Avista Utilities', a division of Avista Corporation, upon the parties listed below by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid and/or by electronic mail.

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

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 15th day of November 2007.



Patty Olsness
Rates Coordinator