


ITEM NO. CA4

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 1, 2015**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE December 7, 2015

DATE: November 10, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Scott Gibbens 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: AVISTA UTILITIES: (Docket No. ADV 130/Advice No. 15-07-G) Requests housekeeping tariff schedule updates to "Other Charges" resulting from recent changes to other schedules.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should approve Avista Utilities' (Avista) housekeeping filing Advice No. 15-07-G and allow it to take effect December 7, 2015.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should allow Avista's housekeeping amendments to tariff sheets that reflect recent Commission-approved changes to Avista's 2015 PGA, Intervenor funding and DSM schedules.

RULES:

Under ORS 757.205(1):

Every public utility shall file with the Public Utility Commission, within a time to be fixed by the commission, schedules which shall be open to public inspection, showing all rates, tolls and charges which it has established and which are in force at the time for any service performed by it within the state, or for any service in connection therewith or performed by any public utility controlled or operated by it.

Tariff revisions or corrections may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0005 and

OAR 860-022-0025. Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

ANALYSIS:

This filing is a housekeeping filing in light of three recent changes to Avista's schedules that were approved by the Commission, effective November 1, 2015. In Order No. 15-322, Docket No. UG 289, the Commission approved changes in the projected purchased gas cost and the true-up of the 2014-2015 gas year that are reflected in Schedules 461 & 462. In Order No. 15-327, Docket No. UG 290, the Commission approved changes to the amortization of Intervenor Funding Grants, reflected in Schedule 476. In Order No. 15-328, Docket No. UG 291, the Commission approved changes to Avista's amortization of Demand Side Management (DSM) cost recovery, reflected in Schedule 478.

This filing updates Avista's Schedules 410, 420, 424, 440, 444, and 456 to be consistent with the schedule changes described above. Each of the affected schedules has a component classified as "Other Charges" which includes one or more of the charges established in Schedules 461, 462, 476, and 478. The Commission has already approved the substantive changes to Schedules 461, 462, 476, and 478 in its recent orders. Staff did not revisit those changes in its review of this filing and no additional information requests were filed.

Staff supports the revisions filed by Avista as appropriate. By their housekeeping nature, none of the revisions affect customers' rates or tariff eligibilities. Staff reviewed the proposed schedule changes to ensure that they were consistent with the rates approved by the Commission in Order Nos. 15-322, 15-327, and 15, 328. Staff also reviewed the entire tariff file to ensure no other schedules are affected by the recent changes. Staff identified no issues or errors with the filing and recommends the Commission approve the tariff changes as filed, allowing the housekeeping revisions to go into effect.

The Company was provided a draft copy of this memo and has no concerns.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Avista's Advice No. 15-07-G be approved and allowed to go into effect December 7, 2015.