

ITEM NO. CA9

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 5, 2016

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 6, 2016

DATE: June 13, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Scott Gibbens 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman  

SUBJECT: AVISTA UTILITIES: (Docket No. ADV 315/Advice No. 16-07-G) Requests housekeeping tariff schedule updates to Table of Contents, sheet numbering and withdrawal of Schedule 497.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve Avista Corporation doing business as Avista Utilities' (Avista's) housekeeping filing Advice No. 16-07-G and allow it to take effect July 6, 2016.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the Commission should allow Avista's housekeeping tariff updates to take effect.

**APPLICABLE LAW:**

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. OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules include in its filing a statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change. 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 860-022-0015.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:**

This filing is a housekeeping filing that corrects information in Avista's Table of Contents, Sheet B, Sheet C, and Sheet D, in light of recent changes, corrects one item of text and identifies additional cities or towns within the utility's service area. The filing also withdraws tariff sheet 497. Schedule 497 was previously used to collect the revenue requirement for Phase 2 Aldyl A pipe replacement costs. As a result of Avista's 2014 general rate case, Docket UG-284, these costs were included in base rates and the rates under Schedule 497 were set to \$0.00/therm. Order No. 15-109, Appendix A at 3. Thus, the changes generally reflect updates to previous Commission-approved tariff changes. 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, the changes apply to all of the utility's customers, though 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. Staff also reviewed the entire tariff file to ensure no other schedules are affected by the recent changes. Staff 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:**

Approve Avista's Advice No.16-07-G and allow it to go into effect July 8, 2016.