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**Advice No. 17-03-G/ UG-340**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to Docket UM 1356, ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259(5), Avista Utilities hereby submits the following tariff revision applicable to its Oregon natural gas operations along with a copy of its supporting workpapers.

**Intervenor Funding Grants – Oregon**

Eighth Revision Sheet 476

Canceling

Seventh Revision Sheet 476

Eighth Revision Sheet 476 updates the Company's Intervenor Funding amortization rates currently in effect pursuant to Section 7.9 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement previously adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") in Order No. 15-335. The Company is requesting a decrease in overall retail revenues of \$55,056, or 0.06%, effective on November 1, 2017. The current amortization rates and the proposed changes, both inclusive of the gross revenue factor, are as follows:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Current Amortization Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Change</u>	<u>Updated Amortization Rate</u>
410	\$0.00193	(\$0.00028)	\$0.00165
440	\$0.00114	(\$0.00092)	\$0.00022
456	\$0.00114	(\$0.00092)	\$0.00022

In Order No. 16-302 in Docket No. UM 1356(9), the Commission approved Avista's request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding grants for the period November 2016 through October 2017. Avista made that filing under ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4). This filing is in compliance with ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259 which authorizes deferred utility expenses or revenues to be allowed (amortized) in rates to the extent authorized by the Commission in a proceeding to change rates. All of the deferrals included in this filing occurred with appropriate application by Commission authorization, as rate orders or under approved tariffs.

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(5-7) and OAR 860-027-0300(9), the overall annual average rate impact of the amortizations authorized under the statutes may not exceed three percent of the natural gas utility's gross revenues for the preceding calendar year, unless the Commission finds that allowing a higher amortization rate is reasonable under the circumstances. However, per ORS 757.259(4), Intervenor Funding is excluded from the three percent test.

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by this filing, the annual revenue before and after the impact of the rate change, and the average monthly use and resulting bills under existing and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Schedule 410	89,839
Schedule 440	35
Schedule 456	38

Sch		Present	Proposed	Revenue	Percent	Monthly	Present	Proposed	Monthly	Proposed
No	Description	Revenues	Revenues	Incr (Decr)	Incr (Decr)	Use (Therms)	Monthly Cost	Monthly Cost	Change	Change to Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 60,479,089	\$ 60,464,924	\$ (14,163)	-0.02%	47	\$ 56.18	\$ 56.17	\$ (0.01)	-0.02%
440	Interruptible	\$ 1,259,259	\$ 1,255,127	\$ (4,132)	-0.33%	10,593	\$ 2,970.07	\$ 2,960.32	\$ (9.75)	-0.33%
456	Int. Transportation	\$ 3,382,370	\$ 3,345,610	\$ (36,760)	-1.09%	87,626	\$ 7,417.54	\$ 7,336.92	\$ (80.62)	-1.09%
	Total	95,098,718	95,043,661	\$ (55,055)	-0.06%					

After combining the impact of this PGA filing with the three other regulatory filings which also have a November 1, 2017 effective date<sup>1</sup>, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms a month could expect their bill to *decrease* by \$0.73, or 1.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$55.37 effective November 1, 2017.

The Company will issue a media release coincident with the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA") filing and provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Patrick Ehrbar at (509) 495-8620 or Annette Brandon at (509) 495-4324.

Sincerely,



Kelly O. Norwood,  
Vice President, State and Federal Regulation

<sup>1</sup> On July 28, 2017, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2017, Schedules 461/462 (Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment - Advice No. 17-02-G), Schedules 477/478/479 (DSM/Residual Account/SB408, Advice No. 17-04-G), and Schedule 475 (Oregon Decoupling - Advice No. 17-05-G).

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

AVISTA UTILITIES  
ADVICE NO. 17-03-G

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**Tariff Sheets**

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AVISTA CORPORATION  
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 476

INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

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

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants provided to various entities to cover their costs of advocating on behalf of customers. The awarding of such grants is governed by Section 7.9 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding agreement adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in Order No. 15-335.

MONTHLY RATE:

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

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.00165 per Therm
Schedule 440	\$0.00022 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00022 per Therm

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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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