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February 20, 2015

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
3930 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
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RE: Avista Advice No. 15-01-G (Schedule 495, Capital Project Credit – Oregon)

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, submits this proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.U.C. No. 05 pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.205 and 757.210, and Oregon Administrative Rules (“OAR”) 860-022-0025 and 860-022-0030. In addition to the electronic filing, enclosed are the original and three courtesy copies with a requested effective date of **March 1, 2015**.¹

On January 21, 2015, the Parties in Docket No. UG-284 filed a Settlement Stipulation resolving all issues in Avista’s general rate case filing, subject to Commission approval. The proposed effective date of the Stipulation is March 1, 2015, which date is an integral part of the Stipulation. The agreed-upon revenue requirement in the Stipulation includes the effect of capital additions that are used and useful in providing service to Oregon customers as of February 28, 2015.² (See paragraph 5(k) of Stipulation) The capital additions, however, are expected to be \$2.17 million less than anticipated in the Stipulation.³

With this tariff filing, Avista proposes to credit back to customers an annualized amount of \$299,095, which represents the amount of the Stipulation base revenue requirement increase related to the \$2.17 million of capital additions that will not be used and useful in providing service to Oregon customers by March 2015. Accordingly, the Company requests that tariff Schedule 495 also become effective on March 1, 2015, coincident with the effective date of the

¹ For reasons explained below, implementation of Schedule 495 on March 1, 2015, is contingent upon approval of the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. UG-284, also with an effective date of March 1, 2015.

² The Company is to provide an Officers Certification attesting to this fact, prior to March 1, 2015.

³ While Project Compass (the Company’s new customer information system) was successfully placed in to service on February 2, 2015, the timing of certain other smaller capital projects was recently revised. For example, the Grants Pass Redwood Ave Reinforcement project, was originally scheduled to be completed prior to March 1, 2015, but due to issues raised by the City of Grants Pass, as well as other right of way concerns, the Company, in conjunction with the City, has delayed the installation of the natural gas main until the second quarter of 2015.

settlement rates in Docket No. UG-284, if approved. This annualized credit will be returned or spread to all customers based on the percentage of proposed margin established by the Stipulation in Docket No. UG-284.

After March 1, 2015, at such time as \$2.17 million of additional capital additions become used and useful in providing service to Oregon customers, an officer of the Company will file an additional attestation that such capital additions are used and useful. At that time, Avista will also simultaneously file a revised Schedule 495, and a Less than Statutory Notice Application, with an effective date five business days hence, with rates set to zero for all customers to reflect the elimination of the credit.

To satisfy the requirements of OAR 860-022-0025(2) and 860-022-0030(1), Avista provides the following:

The annualized impact of the capital additions credit is \$299,095, or 0.3%. A residential Schedule 410 customer using an average of 47 therms a month would see a \$0.19 per month decrease, or 0.3 percent.

Pursuant to ORS 757-220, and OAR 860-022-0020, Avista is submitting a Utility Less than Statutory Notice Application. Workpapers supporting the Company's filing are provided with this filing.

Please direct any questions related to the transmission of this filing to Patrick Ehrbar at 509.495.8620 or via email at pat.ehrbar@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,



Kelly Norwood
Vice President, State & Federal Regulation

enclosures

cc: UG-284 Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the Avista Advice No. 15-01-G 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 20th day of February, 2015.



Patrick Ehrbar
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AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 495
CAPITAL PROJECT CREDIT - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

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

PURPOSE:

To adjust natural gas rates related to the level of capital additions included in Avista's general rate case, Docket UG-284.

PER THERM 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	(\$0.00405)
Schedule 420	(\$0.00296)
Schedule 424	(\$0.00078)
Schedule 440	(\$0.00061)
Schedule 444	(\$0.00082)
<u>Schedule 456</u>	
First 10,000	(\$0.00081)
Next 20,000	(\$0.00049)
Next 20,000	(\$0.00040)
Next 200,000	(\$0.00031)
All Additional	(\$0.00016)

TERM:

After March 1, 2015, at such time as \$2.17 million of additional capital additions become used and useful in providing service to Oregon customers, an officer of the Company will file an additional attestation that such capital additions are used and useful. At that time, Avista will also simultaneously file a revised Schedule 495, and a Less than Statutory Notice Application, with an effective date five business days hence, with rates set to zero for all customers to reflect the elimination of the credit.

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.

Advice No. 15-01-G
Issued February 20, 2015

Effective For Service On & After
March 1, 2015

Issued by Avista Utilities

By



Kelly Norwood, Vice President, State & Federal Regulation

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

3930 FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL DRIVE SE

SALEM, OR 93702-1166

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION

Avista Corporation (d/b/a Avista Utilities)

(UTILITY COMPANY)

NO. 15-01-G

TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.

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)

Capital Project Credit Schedule 495

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 – Schedule 495 is a new tariff filed on February 20, 2015.


3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)

Original Tariff Sheet 495

4. REASON FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:

With this tariff filing, Avista proposes to credit back to customers an annualized amount of \$299,095, which represents the amount of the Stipulation base revenue requirement increase related to the \$2.17 million of capital additions that will not be used and useful in providing service to Oregon customers by March 2015. Accordingly, the Company requests that tariff Schedule 495 also become effective on March 1, 2015, coincident with the effective date of the settlement rates in Docket No. UG-284, if approved. This annualized credit will be returned or spread to all customers based on the percentage of proposed margin established by the Stipulation in Docket No. UG-284.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGES(S): March 1, 2015

6. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 	TITLE Manager, Rates & Tariffs	DATE 02/20/2015
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PUC USE ONLY

APPROVED

DENIED

EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE