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**Advice No. 16-09-G/ UG-\_\_\_\_**  
**(UM 1356)**

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**

Seventh Revision Sheet 476

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Sixth Revision Sheet 476

Seventh 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 an increase in overall retail revenues of \$66,221, or 0.07%, effective on November 1, 2016. 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	\$0.00183	\$0.00010	\$0.00193
440	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00136	\$0.00114
456	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00136	\$0.00114

In Order No. 15-306 in Docket No. UM 1356(8), the Commission approved Avista's request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding grants for the period November 2015 through October 2016. 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	88,800
Schedule 440	36
Schedule 456	38

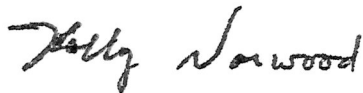
Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Monthly Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Monthly Change	Proposed Change to Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$ 63,090,463	\$ 63,095,342	\$ 4,881	0.01%	46	\$ 59.42	\$ 59.43	\$ 0.00	0.01%
440	Interruptible	\$ 1,426,177	\$ 1,431,874	\$ 5,697	0.40%	9,675	\$ 3,293.85	\$ 3,307.01	\$ 13.16	0.40%
456	Int. Transportation	\$ 3,266,597	\$ 3,322,240	\$ 55,643	1.70%	89,724	\$ 7,163.56	\$ 7,285.59	\$ 122.02	1.70%

After combining the impact of this filing with the four other regulatory filings made today<sup>1</sup>, a residential customer using an average of 46 therms a month could expect their bill to *decrease* by \$4.09, or 6.9 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$55.12 effective November 1, 2016.

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 Mr. Patrick Ehrbar at (509) 495-8620 or Mr. Ryan Finesilver at (509) 495-4873.

Sincerely,



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

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<sup>1</sup> On July 31, 2016, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2016 Schedules 461/462 (Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Schedules - Advice No. 16-08-G), Schedule 477 (Residual Deferral Amortization – Advice No. 16-10-G), and Schedule 478 (Oregon DSM – Advice No. 16-11-G), and Schedule 479 (Senate Bill 408 Cost Recovery – Advice No. 16-12-G).

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:

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Schedule 410	\$0.00193 per Therm
Schedule 440	\$0.00114 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00114 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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 November 1, 2016

Issued by Avista Utilities  
 By

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