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Advice No. 17-05-G/ UG-342
(UM 1753)
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE
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Salem, OR 97301
Attention: Filing Center
Pursuant to Order No. 16-076 in Docket UM 1753, 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.

## Decoupling Mechanism - Oregon

First Revision Sheet 475
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First Revision Sheet 475 represents recovery of the prudently incurred deferred revenues associated with the Company's natural gas Decoupling Mechanism from March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The Company is requesting an increase in overall retail revenues of $\$ 2,143,795$, or $2.4 \%$, effective November 1, 2017. The current amortization rates and the proposed changes, both inclusive of the gross revenue factor, are as follows:

| Rate <br> Schedule | Current Amortization Rates | Proposed <br> Rate <br> Change | Updated Amortization Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 410 | \$0.00000 | \$0.02456 | \$0.02456 |
| 420 | \$0.00000 | \$0.02439 | \$0.02439 |
| 424 | \$0.00000 | \$0.02439 | \$0.02439 |
| 440 | \$0.00000 | \$0.02439 | \$0.02439 |
| 444 | \$0.00000 | \$0.02439 | \$0.02439 |

On December 16, 2015, the Company filed its "Application for Authorization to Defer Expenses or Revenues" related to the Company's natural gas decoupling mechanism for the 10 -month period of March 2016 through December 2016. Avista made that filing under ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4). This filing is in compliance with ORS 757.210 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 and Commission authorization, as rate orders or under approved tariffs.

This filing is the "Natural Gas Decoupling Rate Adjustment", filed in compliance with docket UM 1753. In Order Nos. 16-076 and 16-109, the Commission approved a natural gas decoupling mechanism for Avista for a three-year period, with this filing reflecting the deferral balance for the first year (March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016), with that deferral being amortized over the period November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018.

The purpose of the natural gas decoupling mechanism is to adjust the Company's Commissionauthorized revenues from therm sales, such that the Company's revenues will be recognized based on the number of customers served under the applicable natural gas service schedules. The decoupling mechanism allows the Company to: 1) defer the difference between actual decoupling-related revenue received from customers through volumetric rates, and the decoupling-related revenue approved for recovery in the Company's last general rate case on a per customer basis; and 2) file a tariff to surcharge or rebate, by rate group, the total deferred amount accumulated in the deferred revenue accounts for the prior March through December time period.

The proposed tariff reflects a surcharge of 2.456 cents per therm for the Residential Group served under Schedule 410, and a surcharge of 2.439 cents per therm for the Non-Residential Group (Schedules 420, 424, 440 and 444). The Residential Group surcharge represents a $2.12 \%$ increase to Schedule 410 customers, and the Non-Residential group surcharge represents a $3.0 \%$ increase. The Company has requested a November 1, 2017 effective date to coincide with the rate changes related to the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment and other annual rate adjustment filings.

## Residential Group Rate Determination

The Company recorded $\$ 1,121,435$ in the surcharge direction in deferred revenue for the natural gas residential customer group in 2016. The proposed rate of 2.456 cents per therm is designed to recover $\$ 1,242,336$ from the Company's residential natural gas customers served under rate Schedule 410. The following table summarizes the components of the Company's request for recovery:

| 2016 Deferred Revenue | $\$ 1,121,435$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Add: Interest through 10/31/2018 | $\$ 81,347$ |
| Add: Revenue Related Expense Adj. | $\$ 39,555$ |
| Total For Recovery | $\$ 1,242,336$ |
| Customer Surcharge Revenue | $\$ 1,242,336$ |
| Carryover Deferred Revenue | $\$ 0$ |

Attachment A, pages 1 and 2 show the derivation of the proposed surcharge rate to recover revenue of $\$ 1,242,336$, based on projected sales volumes for Schedule 410 customers during the surcharge/amortization period (November 2017 through October 2018). As identified on First Revision Sheet 475B under Step 6 of "Calculation of Monthly Decoupling Deferral", interest on the deferred balance accrues at the Company's authorized rate of return. ${ }^{1}$ If the proposed surcharge is approved by the Commission, the 2016 deferral balance, plus interest through October, will be transferred into a regulatory asset balancing account. The balance in the account will be reduced each month by the revenue collected under the tariff. Consistent with other amortizations, interest will accrue on the amortization balance at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate.

## Non-Residential Group Rate Determination

The Company recorded $\$ 907,621$ in the surcharge direction in deferred revenue for the natural gas Non-Residential Group in 2016. The 3\% incremental surcharge limitation, which is discussed later in this letter, affects the requested surcharge rate for this recovery period. The proposed surcharge rate of 2.439 cents per therm is designed to recover $\$ 901,458$ from the Company's commercial and industrial customers served under rate Schedules 420, 424, 440 and 444 . The following table summarizes the components of the Company's request for recovery:

| 2016 Deferred Revenue | $\$ 907,621$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Add: Interest through 10/31/2018 | $\$ 68,413$ |
| Add: Revenue Related Expense Adj. | $\$ 28,459$ |
| Total For Recovery | $\$ 1,004,493$ |
| Customer Surcharge Revenue at 3\% | $\$ 901,458$ |
| Carryover Deferred Revenue | $\$ 103,035$ |

Attachment A, pages 3 and 4 show the derivation of the proposed surcharge rate to recover the revenue of $\$ 901,458$, based on projected sales volumes for Schedules 420, 424, 440 and 444 during the surcharge/amortization period (November 2017 through October 2018). As identified on the First Revision Sheet 475B under Step 6 of "Calculation of Monthly Decoupling Deferral", interest on the deferred balance accrues at the Company's authorized rate of return. ${ }^{2}$ If the

[^0]proposed surcharge is approved by the Commission, the 2016 deferral balance, plus interest through October, will be transferred into a regulatory asset balancing account. Consistent with other amortizations, interest will accrue on the amortization balance at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate. The balance in the account will be reduced each month by the revenue collected under the tariff. The remaining deferral balance of $\$ 103,035$ will be carried over to be recovered in a future period, or potentially offset with deferrals in the opposite direction. ${ }^{3}$

Support showing the monthly calculation of the 2016 deferral balances for both the Residential and Non-Residential Groups is provided as Attachment B. These calculations were also provided to the Commission in quarterly reports.

## Weather Related Deferral

As part of the Decoupling Mechanism approved by the Commission, the Company is required to track how much of the decoupling deferral is related to weather and how much is related to conservation (non-weather). As shown on page 1 of Attachment B, of the total decoupling deferral for residential customers of $\$ 1,121,435$, reduction in customer usage due to weather accounted for $\$ 1,631,365$, while other increases in customer usage offset weather-related usage reductions by $\$ 509,931$. As shown on page 2 of Attachment B, of the $\$ 907,621$ total decoupling deferral for non-residential customers, $\$ 671,498$ is attributed to weather and $\$ 236,123$ is attributed to conservation (non-weather).

## 3\% Annual Rate Increase Test

As described in Tariff Schedule 475C, the 3\% annual rate increase limitation is determined by dividing the incremental annual revenue to be collected (proposed surcharge revenue less present surcharge revenue) under this Schedule by the total "normalized" revenue for the two Rate Groups for the most recent January through December time period. Normalized revenue is determined by multiplying the weather-corrected usage for the period by the present rates in effect. If the incremental amount of the proposed surcharge exceeds $3 \%$, only a $3 \%$ incremental rate increase will be proposed and any remaining deferred balance will be carried over to the following year. The 3\% annual rate increase limitation was met for Non-Residential Customers for 2016.

The rate necessary to recover the Non-Residential Group surcharge balance, including estimated interest and revenue related expenses as determined on page 3 of Attachment A (see line 20 Preliminary Proposed Decoupling Rate), would recover approximately $\$ 1$ million from customers (based on projected sales volumes for Schedules 420, 424, 440 and 444 customers during the surcharge /amortization period). That amount is $3.35 \%$ of the normalized Non-Residential Group revenue (Attachment A, page 5, line 7). The 3\% rate increase limitation results in the proposed Non-Residential surcharge rate of 2.439 cents per therm.

[^1]Since there is no restriction on the amount of rebate refunded to customers in one year, it is important to clarify the language in tariff sheet 475C for application of the $3 \%$ test in the recovery period following a rebate. ${ }^{4}$ First Revision Sheet 475C modifies the final sentence under the 3\% Annual Rate Increase Limitation section to read as follows:

There is no limit to the level of the decoupling rebate, and the reversal of any rebate rate would not be included in the 3\% incremental surcharge test.

## Existing Customers and New Customers

The decoupling mechanism approved by the Commission in Docket No. UG-288 excludes new customers. The language in the Settlement Stipulation ${ }^{5}$ states that new customers, defined as new meters hooked up to Avista's distribution system, will not be included in the decoupling mechanism unless those new meters were included in the test year forecast of revenues. Specifically, the number of customers decoupled each month cannot exceed the monthly forcasted number of customers, by rate group, included in the rate year forecasted customers. The Company uses the new customer hookup report to determine the average decoupled revenue per new customer. The average decoupled revenue per customer is then multiplied by the number of actual customers that exceed the monthly forecasted level of customers. That amount would then be deducted from the monthly actual decoupled revenue prior to calculating the decoupling deferral entry.

Consistent with the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. UG-325, the Company agreed that the language regarding the treatment of new and existing customers would be added to Schedule 475 in this filing. The clarifying language on Revised Tariff Sheets 475A and 475B reflects the new customer exclusion in the mechanism description.

Avista tracks the usage of new customers since January 1, 2016 as compared with existing customers. ${ }^{6}$ The Decoupling Mechanism Quarterly Reports provide the specific usage characteristic details of new customers versus existing customers. In general, the average usage of new natural gas customers in 2016 was comparable to the average usage of existing customers. Avista will continue to track the usage of new customers over the term of the Decoupling Mechanism.

## 3\% Test for Amortizations (All November 1 Filings)

Pursuant to ORS 757.210, 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

[^2]Commission finds that allowing a higher amortization rate is reasonable under the circumstances. Total Oregon gross revenues for calendar year 2016 was $\$ 156,148,758$. The total rate impact of the amortizations requested in this filing, along with the PGA amortization (Advice No. 17-02$\mathrm{G})$, are summarized below:

| Filing Name | Schedule | Advice No. | Amortization |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Prior Period Gas Cost deferral true-up | Schedule 462 | Advice No. 17-02-G | $\$$ | $(6,762,827)$ |
| Decoupling Mechanism - Natural Gas | Schedule 475 | Advice No. 17-05-G | $2,143,795$ |  |
|  |  |  | $\$(4,619,032)$ |  |

The net effect of combining the results of these filings is an amortization balance of $(\$ 4,619,032)$ or (2.96\%) which falls within the requirements of the statute.

## Other Information

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:


After combining the impact of this filing with the three other regulatory filings made today ${ }^{7}$, 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.

[^3]The Company will issue a media release coincident with the annual 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 Ms. Tara Knox at (509) 495-4325.


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BEFORE THE
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## AVISTA UTILITIES

ADVICE NO. 17-05-G

## Tariff Sheets

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## AVISTA CORPORATION

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## SCHEDULE 475 <br> DECOUPLING MECHANISM - NATURAL GAS

## PURPOSE:

This Schedule establishes balancing accounts and implements an annual rate adjustment mechanism that decouples or separates the recovery of the Company's Commission authorized revenues from the therm sales to customers served under the applicable natural gas service schedules.

## APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Oregon where the Company has natural gas service available. This schedule shall be applicable to all retail customers taking service under Schedules 410, $420,424,440$, and 444. This Schedule does not apply to Schedule 447 (Special Contract Natural Gas Service) or Schedule 456 (Interruptible Transportation Service For CustomerOwned Gas). Applicable Customers will be segregated into two (2) distinct Rate Groups:

Group 1 - Schedule 410
Group 2 - Schedules 420, 424, 440 and 444

## MONTHLY RATE:

Group 1-\$0.02456 per therm
Group 2-\$0.02439 per therm

## DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURAL GAS DECOUPLING MECHANISM:

## Calculation of Monthly Allowed Delivery Revenue Per Customer:

Step 1 - Determine the Total Delivery Revenue - The Total Normalized Revenue is equal to the final approved base rate revenue approved in the Company's last general rate case, individually for each Rate Schedule.

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| SCHEDULE 475A |
| DECOUPLING MECHANISM - NATURAL GAS |

Step 2 - Remove Basic Charge Revenue - included in Total Delivery Revenue is revenue recovered from customers in Basic and Minimum charges ("Basic Charges"). Because the decoupling mechanism only tracks revenue that varies with customer energy usage, the revenue from Basic Charges is removed. The number of Customer Bills in the test period, multiplied by the applicable Fixed Charges determines the total Basic Charge revenue by rate schedule.

Step 3 - Determine Allowed Decoupled Revenue - Allowed Decoupled Revenue is equal to the Delivery Revenue (Step 1) minus the Basic Charge Revenue (Step 2).

Step 4 - Determine the Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer - To determine the annual per customer Allowed Decoupled Revenue, divide the Allowed Decoupled Revenue (by Rate Group) by the Rate Year number of Customers (by Rate Group) to determine the annual Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer (by Rate Group).

Step 5 - Determine the Monthly Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer - to determine the monthly Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer, the annual Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer is shaped based on the monthly therm usage from the rate year. The mechanism uses the resulting monthly percentage of usage by month and multiplied that by the annual Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer to determine the 12 monthly values.

## Calculation of Monthly Decoupling Deferral:

Step 1 - Determine the actual number of customers each month. If the actual number of customers in the month exceed the forecasted number of customers from the approved Rate Year, the deferral will be based on Rate Year Adjusted customers and Rate Year Adjusted decoupled revenues for the applicable month.

Step 2 - Multiply the lesser of actual number of customers or Rate Year Adjusted customers by the applicable monthly Allowed Decoupled Revenue per Customer. The result of this calculation is the total Allowed Decoupled Revenue for the applicable month.

Step 3 - Determine the actual revenue collected in the applicable month. If the actual number of customers in the month exceed the forecasted number of customers from the approved Rate Year, deduct average revenue per new customer multiplied by the number of actual customers that exceed the monthly forecasted level of customers, to determine Rate Year Adjusted actual revenue.

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## SCHEDULE 475B

## DECOUPLING MECHANISM - NATURAL GAS

Step 4 - Calculate the amount of basic charge revenues included in total actual monthly revenues. If the actual number of customers in the month exceed the forecasted number of customers from the approved Rate Year, deduct average basic charge revenue per new customer multiplied by the number of actual customers that exceed the monthly forecasted level of customers, to determine Rate Year Adjusted basic charge revenue.

Step 5 - Subtract the lesser of actual basic charge revenue or Rate Year Adjusted basic charge revenue (Step 4) from the total actual monthly revenue or Rate Year Adjusted total monthly revenue (Step 3). The result is the Actual Decoupled Revenue.

Step 6 - The difference between the Actual Decoupled Revenue (Step 5) and the Allowed Decoupled Revenue (Step 2) is calculated, and the resulting balance is deferred by the Company. Interest would accrue on deferrals at the Company's authorized rate of return.

## ANNUAL NATURAL GAS DECOUPLING RATE ADJUSTMENT:

On or before August 1st each year, the Company will file a request with the Commission to surcharge or rebate, by Rate Group, the amount accumulated in the deferred revenue accounts for the prior January through December time period. The proposed tariff revisions included with that filing would include a rate adjustment that recovers/rebates the appropriate deferred revenue amount over a twelve-month period effective on November $1^{\text {st }}$ on a uniform cents per therm basis.

The deferred revenue amount approved for recovery or rebate would be transferred to a balancing account and the revenue surcharged or rebated during the period would reduce the deferred revenue in the balancing account. Any deferred revenue remaining in the balancing account at the end of the calendar year would be added to the new revenue deferrals to determine the amount of the proposed surcharge/rebate for the following year.

After determining the amount of deferred revenue that can be recovered through a surcharge (or refunded through a rebate) by Rate Group, the proposed rates under this Schedule will be determined by dividing the deferred revenue to be recovered by Rate Group by the estimated therm sales for each Rate Group during the twelve month recovery period. The deferred revenue amount to be recovered will be transferred to a Decoupling Balancing Account and the actual revenue received under this Schedule will be applied to the Account to reduce (amortize) the balance. Interest would accrue on deferrals at the Company's authorized rate of return, similar to other Company deferrals. Once a deferral balance is approved for amortization, interest will accrue at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate, similar to other Company amortizations.

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## SCHEDULE 475C

## DECOUPLING MECHANISM - NATURAL GAS

## 3\% ANNUAL DECOUPLING RATE INCREASE LIMITATION:

The amount of the incremental proposed rate adjustment under this Schedule cannot reflect more than a $3 \%$ rate increase. This will be determined by dividing the incremental annual revenue to be collected (proposed surcharge revenue less present surcharge revenue) under this Schedule by the total "normalized" revenue for the two Rate Groups for the most recent January through December time period. Normalized revenue is determined by multiplying the weather-corrected usage for the period by the present billing rates in effect. If the incremental amount of the proposed surcharge exceeds $3 \%$, only a $3 \%$ incremental rate increase will be proposed and any remaining deferred revenue will be carried over to the following year. There is no limit to the level of the decoupling rebate, and the reversal of any rebate rate would not be included in the $3 \%$ incremental surcharge test.

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ATTACHMENT A DECOUPLING RATE ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

July 28, 2017

Avista Utilities
Calculation of Decoupling Mechanism Surcharge or Rebate Amortization Rates
Effective November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018

| Line | RESIDENTIAL GROUP <br> Unamortized |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Date | Balance (1) | Interest (2) | Forecast Usage |
| 1 | Oct-17 | $\$ 02359$ | $2.38 \%$ |  |
| 2 | Nov-17 | $\$ 1,193,134$ |  |  |
| 3 | Dec-17 | $\$ 1,051,391$ | $\$ 2,224$ | $6,102,874$ |
| 4 | Jan-18 | $\$ 845,567$ | $\$ 1,879$ | $8,804,716$ |
| 5 | Feb-18 | $\$ 644,683$ | $\$ 1,476$ | $8,578,231$ |
| 6 | Mar-18 | $\$ 492,285$ | $\$ 1,126$ | $6,508,026$ |
| 7 | Apr-18 | $\$ 354,702$ | $\$ 839$ | $5,867,822$ |
| 8 | May-18 | $\$ 260,458$ | $\$ 609$ | $4,020,929$ |
| 9 | Jun-18 | $\$ 203,588$ | $\$ 460$ | $2,430,225$ |
| 10 | Jul-18 | $\$ 168,345$ | $\$ 368$ | $1,509,624$ |
| 11 | Aug-18 | $\$ 137,890$ | $\$ 303$ | $1,303,844$ |
| 12 | Sep-18 | $\$ 108,071$ | $\$ 244$ | $1,274,394$ |
| 13 | Oct-18 | $\$ 77,803$ | $\$ 184$ | $1,290,889$ |
| 14 |  | $\$ 9,664$ | $\$ 87$ | $2,892,152$ |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  | $\$ 9,800$ | $50,583,726$ |


| 16 | Incremental Rate to Recover Estimated Interest | $\$ 0.00019$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 17 | Estimated Rate to Recover Deferral Balance | $\$ 0.02359$ |  |
| 18 | Rate before Gross-up for Revenue-related items | $\$ 0.02378$ |  |
| 19 | Times: Gross-up for Revenue-related items (3) | 1.03278 |  |
| 20 | Preliminary Proposed Decoupling Rate | $\$ 0.02456$ |  |
| 21 | 3\% Test Rate Adjustment (4) | $\$ 0.00000$ |  |
| 22 | Final Proposed Decoupling Rate | $\$ 0.02456$ | Surcharge Rate |
| 23 | Adjusted for Revenue Related Expenses | $\$ 0.02378$ | Amortization Rate |
| 24 | Estimated Carryover Balance due to 3\% test (5) | $\$ 0$ |  |

## Notes

(1) Deferral balance at the end of the month, Rate of $\$ 0.02359$ to recover the October 2017 balance of $\$ 1,193,134$ over 12 months. See page 2 of Attachment A for October 2017 balance calculation.
(2) Interest computed on average balance between beginning and end of month at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate.
(3) UG 288 conversion factor, see page 6 of Attachment A.
(4) See page 5 of Attachment $A$ for $3 \%$ test adjustment calculations.
(5) See page 2 of Attachment A for estimated carryover balance calculations.

# RESIDENTIAL GROUP <br> Calculate Estimated Monthly Balances through October 2018 



## Summary

| 27 | 2016 Deferred Revenue | $\$ 1,121,435$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 29 | Add Interest through 10/31/2018 | $\$ 81,347$ |
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| 31 | Total Requested Recovery | $\$ 1,242,336$ |
| 32 | Customer Surcharge Revenue | $\$ 1,242,336$ |
| 33 | Carryover Deferred Revenue | $\$ 0$ |

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Calculation of Decoupling Mechanism Surcharge or Rebate Amortization Rates
Effective November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018


## Notes

(1) Deferral balance at the end of the month, Rate of $\$ 0.02613$ to recover the October 2016 balance of $\$ 965,650$ over 12 months. See page 4 of Attachment A for October 2016 balance calculation.
(2) Interest computed on average balance between beginning and end of month at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate.
(3) UG 288 conversion factor, see page 6 of Attachment A.
(4) See page 5 of Attachment A for $3 \%$ test adjustment calculations.
(5) See page 2 of Attachment A for estimated carryover balance calculations.

NON-RESIDENTIAL GROUP
Calculate Estimated Monthly Balance through October 2018

| Line No. |  | Allowed Rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 7.46 \% \\ \text { (Deferral) \& } \\ \text { 2.38\% (Amort) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 1 | Dec-16 | \$907,621 |  |  |
| 4 | Jan-17 | \$913,263 | \$5,642 |  |
| 5 | Feb-17 | \$918,941 | \$5,677 |  |
| 6 | Mar-17 | \$924,654 | \$5,713 |  |
| 7 | Apr-17 | \$930,402 | \$5,748 |  |
| 8 | May-17 | \$936,186 | \$5,784 |  |
| 9 | Jun-17 | \$942,006 | \$5,820 |  |
| 10 | Jul-17 | \$947,862 | \$5,856 |  |
| 11 | Aug-17 | \$953,754 | \$5,893 |  |
| 12 | Sep-17 | \$959,684 | \$5,929 |  |
| 13 | Oct-17 | \$965,650 | \$5,966 |  |
| 14 | Nov-17 | \$863,251 | \$1,812 | \$104,210 |
| 15 | Dec-17 | \$732,949 | \$1,581 | \$131,884 |
| 16 | Jan-18 | \$606,486 | \$1,327 | \$127,790 |
| 17 | Feb-18 | \$508,310 | \$1,104 | \$99,281 |
| 18 | Mar-18 | \$418,045 | \$918 | \$91,182 |
| 19 | Apr-18 | \$354,963 | \$766 | \$63,848 |
| 20 | May-18 | \$312,228 | \$661 | \$43,396 |
| 21 | Jun-18 | \$280,763 | \$587 | \$32,052 |
| 22 | Jul-18 | \$247,117 | \$523 | \$34,169 |
| 23 | Aug-18 | \$212,302 | \$455 | \$35,270 |
| 24 | Sep-18 | \$170,251 | \$379 | \$42,429 |
| 25 | Oct-18 | \$103,035 | \$271 | \$67,487 |
| 26 | Total |  | \$68,413 | \$872,999 |

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Avista Utilities
Decoupling Mechanism 3\% Test
2016 Oregon Natural Gas Deferrals

Line No.

|  |  | Residential | Non-Residential | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Revenue From 2016 Normalized Loads and |  |  |  |
| 1 | Customers at Present Billing Rates (Note 1) | \$58,669,121 | \$30,044,992 | \$88,714,113 |
| 2 | November 2017 - October 2018 Usage | 50,583,726 | 36,960,160 |  |
| 3 | Proposed Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02723 |  |
| 4 | Present Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.00000 | \$0.00000 |  |
| 5 | Incremental Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02723 |  |
| 6 | Incremental Recovery | \$1,242,336 | \$1,006,425 | \$2,248,761 |
| 7 | Incremental Surcharge \% | 2.12\% | 3.35\% |  |
| 8 | 3\% Test Adjustment (2) | \$0 | $(\$ 105,075)$ | (\$105,075) |
| 9 | 3\% Test Rate Adjustment | \$0.00000 | -\$0.00284 |  |
| 10 | Adjusted Proposed Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02439 |  |
| 11 | Adjusted Incremental Decoupling Recovery | \$1,242,336 | \$901,458 | \$2,143,795 |
| 12 | Adjusted Incremental Surcharge \% | 2.12\% | 3.00\% | 2.42\% |

Notes
(1) 2016 Normalized Revenue from Revenue System Reports, Weather Normalization model, with effective rates at January 1, 2017.
(2) The carryover balances will differ from the $3 \%$ adjustment amounts due to the revenue related expense gross up partially offset by additional interest on the outstanding balance during the amortization period.

## AVISTA UTILITIES <br> OREGON NATURAL GAS <br> CONVERSION FACTOR EXHIBIT <br> TWELVE MONTHS BASE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

| Line <br> No. | Description | Factor |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Revenues | 1.000000 | 1.000000 |
| 2 | Expense: |  |  |
| 3 | Uncollectibles | 0.006335 | 0.006335 |
| 4 | Commission Fees | 0.003000 | 0.003000 |
| 5 | Energy Resource Supplier Assesment | 0.001172 | 0.001172 |
| 6 | Franchise Fees | 0.021230 | 0.021230 |
| 7 | Oregon Excise Tax | 0.000000 |  |
| 5 | Total Expense | 0.031737 | 0.031737 |
| 6 | Net Operating Income Before FIT | 0.968263 | 0.968263 |
| 7 | Federal Income Tax @ 35\% | 0.338892 |  |
| 8 | REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR | 0.629371 | 0.968263 |
| 9 | Gross Up Factor |  | 1.03278 |

BEFORE THE

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

AVISTA UTILITIES
ADVICE NO. 17-05-G

## ATTACHMENT B

## 2016 DECOUPLING DEFERRED REVENUE

July 28, 2017

## Avista Utilities

## Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)

Development of OR Natural Gas Deferrals (Calendar Year 2016)
Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016


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| Line No. |  | Source | Jan-16 | Feb-16 |  | Mar-16 |  | Apr-16 |  | May-16 |  | Jun-16 |  | Jul-16 |  | Aug-16 |  | Sep-16 |  | Oct-16 |  | Nov-16 |  | Dec-16 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |  | (e) |  | (f) |  | (g) |  | (h) |  | (i) |  | ${ }^{\text {(j) }}$ |  | (k) |  | (1) |  | (m) |  | (n) |  | (o) |
| Non-Residential Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Rate Year Allowed Customers | Page 3 |  |  |  | 11,573 |  | 11,522 |  | 11,514 |  | 11,482 |  | 11,453 |  | 11,420 |  | 11,413 |  | 11,431 |  | 11,511 |  | 11,588 |  |  |
| 2 | Total Actual Billed Customers | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 11,768 |  | 11,708 |  | 11,759 |  | 11,697 |  | 11,659 |  | 11,671 |  | 11,651 |  | 11,664 |  | 11,718 |  | 11,792 |  |  |
| 3 | Total Actual Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 3,531,956 |  | 2,192,176 |  | 1,746,016 |  | 1,465,622 |  | 1,293,484 |  | 1,507,309 |  | 1,632,097 |  | 2,474,028 |  | 3,089,029 |  | 5,501,142 |  |  |
| 4 | Total Actual Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 1,606,345 |  | 1,017,229 | \$ | 838,442 | \$ | 681,856 | \$ | 671,422 | \$ | 742,125 | \$ | 722,185 | \$ | 1,173,201 | \$ | 1,423,957 | \$ | 2,545,661 |  |  |
| 5 | Total Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 183,604 | \$ | 201,787 | \$ | 203,037 | \$ | 201,702 | \$ | 201,143 | \$ | 201,338 | \$ | 200,833 | \$ | 201,050 | \$ | 201,928 | \$ | 203,440 |  |  |
| 6 | New Hook-up Customers Billed | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 49 |  | 63 |  | 84 |  | 98 |  | 107 |  | 113 |  | 132 |  | 145 |  | 168 |  | 189 |  |  |
| 7 | New Hook-up Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 9,128 |  | 6,995 |  | 6,569 |  | 8,490 |  | 8,527 |  | 22,673 |  | 12,380 |  | 16,098 |  | 26,757 |  | 66,972 |  |  |
| 8 | New Hook-up Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 4,867 | \$ | 4,368 | \$ | 4,531 | \$ | 4,976 | \$ | 4,205 | \$ | 10,688 | S | 5,939 | \$ | 8,251 | \$ | 13,341 | \$ | 32,502 |  |  |
| 9 | New Hook-up Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 679 | \$ | 1,013 |  | 1,377 | \$ | 1,643 | \$ | 1,750 | \$ | 1,880 | \$ | 2,176 | \$ | 2,407 | \$ | 2,773 | \$ | 3,010 |  |  |
| 10 | Actual Customers | Rate Year Adjusted | - | - |  | 11,573 |  | 11,522 |  | 11,514 |  | 11,482 |  | 11,453 |  | 11,420 |  | 11,413 |  | 11,431 |  | 11,511 |  | 11,588 |  | 114,908 |
| 11 | Monthly Decoupled Revenue per Customer | Appendix 5, Page 3 | \$174.42 | \$138.45 |  | \$120.36 |  | \$89.67 |  | \$61.45 |  | \$46.58 |  | \$48.54 |  | \$52.37 |  | \$63.02 |  | \$97.49 |  | \$134.01 |  | \$172.56 |  | \$1,198.93 |
| 12 | Decoupled Revenue | (10) x (11) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1,392,951 | \$ | 1,033,175 | \$ | 707,586 | \$ | 534,820 | \$ | 555,989 | \$ | 598,087 | \$ | 719,226 | \$ | 1,114,446 | \$ | 1,542,577 | \$ | 1,999,678 | \$ | 10,198,535 |
| 13 | Actual Base Rate Revenue (Excludes Gas Costs) | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ | \$ - \$ |  | 1,586,987 | \$ | 1,004,313 | \$ | 825,245 | \$ | 670,951 | \$ | 663,343 | \$ | 718,363 | \$ | 711,476 | \$ | 1,159,962 | S | 1,407,515 | \$ | 2,510,624 | \$ | 11,258,781 |
| 14 | Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ - | \$ - \$ |  | 180,904 | \$ | 198,792 | \$ | 199,026 | \$ | 198,101 | \$ | 197,781 | \$ | 197,159 | \$ | 196,910 | \$ | 197,187 | \$ | 198,511 | \$ | 200,195 | \$ | 1,964,564 |
| 15 | Customer Decoupled Payments | (13) - (14) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1,406,083 | \$ | 805,522 | \$ | 626,219 | \$ | 472,851 | \$ | 465,562 | \$ | 521,204 | \$ | 514,567 | \$ | 962,775 | \$ | 1,209,005 | \$ | 2,310,428 | \$ | 9,294,216 |
| 16 | Non-Residential Revenue Per Customer Received |  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |  | \$121.50 |  | \$69.91 |  | \$54.39 |  | \$41.18 |  | \$40.65 |  | \$45.64 |  | \$45.09 |  | \$84.22 |  | \$105.03 |  | \$199.38 |  |  |
| 17 | Deferral - Surcharge (Rebate) | (12) - (15) | \$ - | \$ - \$ | \$ | $(13,133)$ | \$ | 227,653 | \$ | 81,366 | \$ | 61,970 | \$ | 90,427 | \$ | 76,883 | s | 204,659 | \$ | 151,672 | S | 333,572 | \$ | $(310,750)$ | \$ | 904,319 |
| 18 | Deferral - Revenue Related Expenses | Rev Conv Factor | \$ | \$ - \$ | \$ | 406 | \$ | $(7,036)$ | \$ | $(2,515)$ | \$ | $(1,915)$ | \$ | $(2,795)$ | \$ | $(2,376)$ | S | $(6,325)$ | \$ | $(4,688)$ | S | $(10,309)$ | \$ | 9,604 | \$ | $(27,949)$ |
| 19 |  | Authorized ROR | 7.46\% | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  |  |
| 20 | Interest on Deferral | Avg Balance Calc | \$ | \$ | \$ | (40) | S | 606 | \$ | 1,541 | S | 1,982 | \$ | 2,453 | \$ | 2,972 | S | 3,838 | \$ | 4,935 | S | 6,427 | \$ | 6,536 | S | 31,252 |
| 21 | Monthly Non-Residential Deferral Totals |  | \$ | \$ - \$ | \$ | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 221,224 | \$ | 80,392 | \$ | 62,036 | \$ | 90,085 | \$ | 77,479 | \$ | 202,173 | \$ | 151,920 | \$ | 329,690 | \$ | (294,610) | \$ | 907,621 |
| 22 | Cumulative Deferral (Rebate) Balance | $\Sigma((17)+(20))$ | \$ | \$ - \$ |  | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 208,457 | \$ | 288,849 | \$ | 350,886 | \$ | 440,971 | \$ | 518,449 | \$ | 720,622 | \$ | 872,542 | \$ | 1,202,232 | \$ | 907,621 |  |  |
| 23 | Weather Related Deferred Revenue |  |  |  | \$ | 158,939 | \$ | 288,652 | \$ | 120,596 | \$ | $(20,600)$ | \$ | $(1,186)$ | \$ | 2,746 | \$ | 6,930 | \$ | 969 | \$ | 285,746 | \$ | $(182,322)$ |  |  |
| 24 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  |  | $(4,912)$ | \$ | $(8,921)$ | \$ | $(3,727)$ | \$ | 637 | \$ | 37 | \$ | (85) | \$ | (214) | \$ | (30) | \$ | $(8,831)$ | \$ | 5,635 |  |  |
| 25 | Interest |  |  |  | \$ | 479 | \$ | 1,830 | \$ | 3,073 | \$ | 3,394 | \$ | 3,349 | \$ | 3,375 | \$ | 3,425 | \$ | 3,470 | S | 4,355 | \$ | 4,693 |  |  |
| 26 | Total Non-Residential Weather Related Deferra | al Surcharge (Rebate) |  |  |  | 154,506 |  | 281,561 |  | 119,942 | \$ | $(16,570)$ | \$ | 2,200 | \$ | 6,035 | \$ | 10,140 | \$ | 4,409 | \$ | 281,269 | \$ | $(171,994)$ | \$ | 671,498 |
| 27 | Cumulative Weather Related Deferral Balance |  |  |  |  | 154,506 | \$ | 436,067 | \$ | 556,009 | \$ | 539,439 | \$ | 541,639 | \$ | 547,674 | \$ | 557,814 | \$ | 562,223 | \$ | 843,492 | \$ | 671,498 |  |  |
| 28 | Conservation (Non-Weather) Related Deferred Rev | venue |  |  |  | $(172,072)$ |  | $(60,999)$ | \$ | $(39,230)$ | \$ | 82,570 | \$ | 91,613 | \$ | 74,137 | \$ | 197,730 | \$ | 150,703 | \$ | 47,827 | \$ | $(128,429)$ |  |  |
| 29 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  | \$ | 5,318 | \$ | 1,885 | \$ | 1,212 | \$ | $(2,552)$ | \$ | $(2,831)$ | \$ | $(2,291)$ | \$ | $(6,111)$ | \$ | $(4,658)$ | \$ | $(1,478)$ | \$ | 3,969 |  |  |
| 30 | Interest |  |  |  |  | (518) | \$ | $(1,223)$ | \$ | $(1,533)$ | \$ | $(1,412)$ | \$ | (896) | \$ | (402) | \$ | 414 | \$ | 1,466 | \$ | 2,073 | \$ | 1,843 |  |  |
| 31 | Total Non-Residential Conservation (Non-Weat Deferral Surcharge (Rebate) | her) Related |  |  | \$ | $(167,272)$ |  | $(60,337)$ |  | $(39,550)$ | \$ | 78,606 | \$ | 87,885 | \$ | 71,443 | \$ | 192,032 | \$ | 147,511 | \$ | 48,421 | \$ | $(122,617)$ | \$ | 236,123 |
| 32 | Cumulative Conservation (Non-Weather) Related D | Deferral Balance |  |  | \$ | $(167,272)$ | \$ | $(227,609)$ |  | $(267,160)$ | \$ | $(188,553)$ |  | $(100,668)$ | \$ | $(29,225)$ | \$ | 162,808 | \$ | 310,318 | \$ | 358,740 | \$ | 236,123 |  |  |
| 33 | Non-Residential Cumulative Deferral Surcharg | e (Rebate) Balance |  |  | \$ | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 208,457 | \$ | 288,849 | \$ | 350,886 | \$ | 440,971 | \$ | 518,449 | \$ | 720,622 | \$ | 872,542 | \$ 1 | 1,202,232 | \$ | 907,621 |  |  |
| 35 | Total Oregon Cumulative Deferral Balance Surcharge (Rebate) | Residential (33) + Non-Residential <br> (33) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 168,216 | \$ | 1,140,126 | \$ | 1,566,766 | \$ | 1,881,434 | \$ | 2,085,575 | \$ | 2,152,350 | \$ | 2,407,131 | \$ | 2,264,095 | \$ | 2,903,312 | \$ | 2,029,056 |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

## Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)

## Development of Decoupled Revenue by Rate Schedule - Natural Gas

Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

1 Total Normalized 2016 Margin Revenue
2 Approved Margin Revenue Increase
3 Total Delivery Revenue (2016 Test Year) (Ln $1+\operatorname{Ln} 2$ )
4 Customer Bills (2016 Test Year)
5 Approved Basic Charges
6 Basic Charge Revenue (Ln 4 * $\operatorname{Ln} 5$ )
7 Decoupled Revenue (Ln $6-\operatorname{Ln} 3)$
8 Normalized Therms (2016 Test Year)

9 Average Number of Customers (Line 8 / 12 mos.)
10 Annual Therms
11 Basic Charge Revenues
12 Customer Bills
13 Average Basic Charge


## Avista Utilities

## Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)

Development of Decoupled Revenue Per Customer - Natural Gas
Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

| Line <br> No. | Source | ResidentialNon-Residential <br> Schedules* |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (a) | (b) |  | (c) | $(\mathrm{d})$ |
| 1 | Decoupled Revenue | Page 1 | $\$$ | $27,889,075$ | $\$$ |
| 2 | Test Year Number of Customers 2016 | Revenue Data |  | 87,277 | $13,791,046$ |
| 3 | Decoupled Revenue Per Customer | $(1) /(2)$ | $\$$ | 319.55 | $\$$ |

*Schedules 420, 424, 440, and 444

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Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)
Development of Monthly Decoupled Revenue Per Customer - Natural Gas

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

AVISTA UTILITIES
ADVICE NO. 17-05-G

PRESS RELEASE
(DRAFT)

July 28, 2017

## Avista Requests Natural Gas Rate Decrease for Oregon Customers in Annual Cost Adjustment Filings

Request reflects change in the wholesale cost of natural gas included in customer rates

SPOKANE, Wash. - July 28, 2017, 1:05 p.m. PDT: Avista's (NYSE: AVA) customers in Oregon would see a decrease in their natural gas rates effective Nov. 1, 2017 if the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC or Commission) approves the company's annual rate adjustment filings. These annual filings are required, have no impact on the company's earnings, and are not related to the proposed acquisition of Avista by Hydro One.

## Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA)

The first rate adjustment is Avista's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA). PGAs are filed each year to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount included in rates. This includes the natural gas commodity cost as well as the cost to transport natural gas on interstate pipelines to Avista's local distribution system. If approved, Avista's request is designed to decrease natural gas revenues by $\$ 1.5$ million or 1.6 percent.

The primary drivers for the requested rate reduction include continued low natural gas commodity costs due to the continued high production levels of natural gas and a reduction in the cost to transport natural gas to Avista's distribution system.

About 40 percent of an Avista natural gas customer's bill in Oregon is the combined cost of purchasing natural gas on the wholesale market and transporting it to Avista's system. These costs fluctuate up and down based on market prices, and are not marked up by Avista. The remaining 60 percent covers the cost of delivering the natural gas -- the equipment and people needed to provide safe and reliable service.

## Natural Gas Decoupling

The second rate adjustment is related to Avista's natural gas decoupling mechanism. Decoupling is a mechanism designed to break the link between a utility's revenues and customers' energy usage. Avista's actual revenue, based on therm sales, will vary, up or down, from the level included in a general rate case and approved by the Commission. This could be caused by changes in weather, energy conservation or the economy. Generally, under decoupling natural gas revenues are adjusted each month based on the number of customers, rather than therm sales. The difference between revenues based on sales and revenues based on the number of customers is surcharged or rebated to customers beginning in the following year.

If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase natural gas revenues by $\$ 2.1$ million or 2.3 percent. This rate adjustment is driven primarily by a lower level of customer usage in 2016, due in part to warmer than normal weather in 2016.

## Energy Efficiency

The third rate adjustment is related primarily to the funding of Avista's natural gas energy efficiency programs. Traditionally, Avista would defer the costs of providing energy efficiency programs, and would later surcharge customers to recover those costs. Beginning in May 2016, the Commission approved a change to the way Avista funds its energy efficiency programs, switching from the deferral and surcharge approach, to a more real-time collection of funds necessary to administer energy efficiency programs through current rates. In November 2016, the Commission approved rates designed to recover the final deferred energy efficiency costs. Those costs are projected to be recovered by Nov. 1, 2017. Also included in this filing are smaller rate adjustments related to prior deferred rate adjustments. If approved, Avista's request is designed to decrease natural gas revenues by approximately $\$ 1.7$ million or 1.7 percent.

## Customer Bills

If the three requests are approved, along with another smaller rate adjustment associated with intervenor funding, Avista residential customers using an average of 47 therms per month could expect their bill to decrease by $\$ 0.73$, or 1.3 percent, for a revised monthly bill of $\$ 55.37$ beginning Nov. 1, 2017. Overall, Avista's natural gas revenues would decrease by $\$ 1.1$ million or 1.1 percent.

The percentage change for natural gas customers varies by rate schedule and depends on how much energy a customer uses.

Avista serves approximately 99,000 natural gas customers in Oregon.

## About Avista Corp.

Avista Corp. is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Avista Utilities is our operating division that provides electric service to 379,000 customers and natural gas to 342,000 customers. Its service territory covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.6 million. Alaska Energy and Resources Company is an Avista subsidiary that provides retail electric service in the city and borough of Juneau, Alaska, through its subsidiary Alaska Electric Light and Power Company. Avista stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit www.avistacorp.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements regarding the company's current expectations. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than historical facts. Such statements speak only as of the date of the news release and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, in addition to those discussed herein, all of the factors discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2016 and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

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Total Loads by Rate Sched:

|  | OR410 | OR420 | OR424 | OR440 | OR444 | OR447 | OR456 | RES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov 17 | 6,102,874 | 3,286,702 | 540,154 | 570,360 | 14,739 | 458,375 | 3,365,147 | 6,102,874 |
| Dec 17 | 8,804,716 | 4,547,395 | 532,320 | 501,028 | 2,817 | 428,098 | 3,441,287 | 8,804,716 |
| Jan 18 | 8,578,231 | 4,494,730 | 480,953 | 431,216 | 3,346 | 435,704 | 3,493,532 | 8,578,231 |
| Feb 18 | 6,508,026 | 3,472,145 | 381,597 | 349,493 | 4 | 494,865 | 3,850,724 | 6,508,026 |
| Mar 18 | 5,867,822 | 3,132,877 | 383,648 | 343,840 | 8 | 489,882 | 3,521,960 | 5,867,822 |
| Apr 18 | 4,020,929 | 2,097,883 | 312,293 | 292,067 | 893 | 517,369 | 3,582,967 | 4,020,929 |
| May 18 | 2,430,225 | 1,339,807 | 254,528 | 241,666 | 1,275 | 498,686 | 3,368,972 | 2,430,225 |
| Jun 18 | 1,509,624 | 893,127 | 229,566 | 226,917 | 7,392 | 480,614 | 3,219,432 | 1,509,624 |
| Jul 18 | 1,303,844 | 904,924 | 260,851 | 272,203 | 8,636 | 473,851 | 3,122,304 | 1,303,844 |
| Aug 18 | 1,274,394 | 906,584 | 272,973 | 300,299 | 13,381 | 460,198 | 2,895,768 | 1,274,394 |
| Sep 18 | 1,290,889 | 953,934 | 266,084 | 441,057 | 135,254 | 466,476 | 3,064,382 | 1,290,889 |
| Oct 18 | 2,892,152 | 1,826,670 | 454,873 | 521,110 | 54,542 | 452,467 | 3,031,129 | 2,892,152 |
| Nov 18 | 6,042,216 | 3,173,379 | 538,001 | 556,747 | 15,299 | 478,060 | 3,428,750 | 6,042,216 |
| Dec 18 | 8,622,203 | 4,454,868 | 531,870 | 488,144 | 2,590 | 438,236 | 3,431,887 | 8,622,203 |
| Jan 19 | 8,606,296 | 4,591,205 | 479,344 | 431,393 | 3,358 | 454,731 | 3,569,676 | 8,606,296 |
| Feb 19 | 6,587,762 | 3,461,518 | 391,434 | 364,473 | 4 | 505,899 | 3,872,391 | 6,587,762 |
| Mar 19 | 5,966,663 | 3,101,895 | 392,014 | 358,091 | 3 | 503,941 | 3,570,454 | 5,966,663 |
| Apr 19 | 4,053,611 | 2,118,291 | 312,946 | 297,618 | 468 | 530,393 | 3,649,381 | 4,053,611 |
| May 19 | 2,476,885 | 1,329,564 | 254,275 | 242,122 | 1,175 | 515,250 | 3,434,938 | 2,476,885 |
| Jun 19 | 1,544,585 | 890,946 | 226,524 | 222,475 | 7,300 | 494,680 | 3,276,952 | 1,544,585 |
| Jul 19 | 1,321,440 | 916,886 | 261,036 | 269,102 | 8,028 | 489,479 | 3,177,419 | 1,321,440 |
| Aug 19 | 1,237,115 | 944,302 | 283,676 | 316,829 | 14,349 | 474,722 | 2,944,774 | 1,237,115 |
| Sep 19 | 1,280,293 | 954,427 | 279,103 | 464,691 | 139,318 | 481,723 | 3,119,793 | 1,280,293 |
| Oct 19 | 2,913,880 | 1,840,466 | 455,584 | 530,669 | 59,732 | 466,683 | 3,080,381 | 2,913,880 |
| Nov 19 | 6,087,365 | 3,200,454 | 542,284 | 563,647 | 13,510 | 491,837 | 3,463,746 | 6,087,365 |
| Dec 19 | 8,638,321 | 4,533,714 | 537,866 | 492,220 | 2,929 | 453,118 | 3,466,153 | 8,638,321 |
| Jan 20 | 8,665,061 | 4,572,548 | 479,625 | 432,052 | 3,277 | 467,986 | 3,609,036 | 8,665,061 |
| Feb 20 | 6,843,148 | 3,582,522 | 410,389 | 382,375 | 18 | 520,308 | 3,921,813 | 6,843,148 |
| Mar 20 | 5,974,772 | 3,132,649 | 391,627 | 359,036 | 3 | 517,482 | 3,632,187 | 5,974,772 |
| Apr 20 | 4,078,426 | 2,125,240 | 314,704 | 299,877 | 3 | 543,984 | 3,707,675 | 4,078,426 |
| May 20 | 2,508,502 | 1,329,833 | 253,663 | 242,918 | 1,086 | 529,342 | 3,489,331 | 2,508,502 |
| Jun 20 | 1,551,266 | 905,315 | 229,930 | 226,284 | 7,386 | 508,367 | 3,330,707 | 1,551,266 |
| Jul 20 | 1,327,056 | 925,905 | 267,265 | 276,257 | 7,940 | 503,459 | 3,230,843 | 1,327,056 |
| Aug 20 | 1,256,046 | 936,446 | 292,064 | 325,607 | 14,108 | 488,150 | 2,992,675 | 1,256,046 |
| Sep 20 | 1,279,007 | 973,887 | 282,708 | 469,987 | 139,978 | 495,230 | 3,164,315 | 1,279,007 |
| Oct 20 | 2,906,686 | 1,866,198 | 459,882 | 538,379 | 60,403 | 479,819 | 3,123,692 | 2,906,686 |
| Nov 20 | 6,082,918 | 3,232,032 | 547,546 | 568,405 | 13,385 | 505,014 | 3,505,660 | 6,082,918 |
| Dec 20 | 8,678,428 | 4,528,307 | 541,886 | 495,151 | 2,797 | 466,499 | 3,512,545 | 8,678,428 |
| Jan 21 | 8,823,750 | 4,631,444 | 489,677 | 440,773 | 3,234 | 481,047 | 3,660,172 | 8,823,750 |
| Feb 21 | 6,727,406 | 3,517,196 | 401,468 | 374,665 | 6 | 533,709 | 3,975,848 | 6,727,406 |
| Mar 21 | 6,082,249 | 3,174,880 | 395,560 | 363,273 | 2 | 530,604 | 3,688,643 | 6,082,249 |
| Apr 21 | 4,149,489 | 2,147,732 | 318,656 | 304,060 | 459 | 557,106 | 3,762,034 | 4,149,489 |
| May 21 | 2,540,938 | 1,346,795 | 257,075 | 246,323 | 1,097 | 542,533 | 3,540,223 | 2,540,938 |
| Jun 21 | 1,573,713 | 908,307 | 232,259 | 229,347 | 7,406 | 521,298 | 3,380,142 | 1,573,713 |
| Jul 21 | 1,351,604 | 922,949 | 270,155 | 280,673 | 7,875 | 516,530 | 3,279,347 | 1,351,604 |
| Aug 21 | 1,262,591 | 951,122 | 295,166 | 330,303 | 14,146 | 500,983 | 3,038,615 | 1,262,591 |
| Sep 21 | 1,289,518 | 986,438 | 285,801 | 475,148 | 139,829 | 508,149 | 3,209,745 | 1,289,518 |


| Oct 21 | $2,950,609$ | $1,886,137$ | 467,244 | 547,777 | 61,882 | 492,620 | $3,168,969$ | $2,950,609$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Nov 21 | $6,179,613$ | $3,279,306$ | 558,878 | 580,852 | 13,466 | 517,781 | $3,551,727$ | $6,179,613$ |
| Dec 21 | $8,843,015$ | $4,583,435$ | 551,234 | 502,992 | 2,908 | 479,338 | $3,562,207$ | $8,843,015$ |
| Jan 22 | $8,927,536$ | $4,676,119$ | 493,310 | 445,045 | 3,215 | 493,652 | $3,712,009$ | $8,927,536$ |
| Feb 22 | $6,818,778$ | $3,541,916$ | 402,699 | 376,926 | 6 | 546,432 | $4,027,379$ | $6,818,778$ |
| Mar 22 | $6,161,177$ | $3,196,179$ | 398,872 | 368,092 | 2 | 543,075 | $3,739,948$ | $6,161,177$ |
| Apr 22 | $4,206,501$ | $2,160,246$ | 320,201 | 306,984 | 468 | 569,567 | $3,811,936$ | $4,206,501$ |
| May 22 | $2,572,168$ | $1,356,318$ | 259,087 | 249,344 | 1,070 | 554,882 | $3,588,889$ | $2,572,168$ |
| Jun 22 | $1,594,158$ | 913,186 | 233,731 | 232,102 | 7,417 | 533,491 | $3,428,283$ | $1,594,158$ |
| Jul 22 | $1,359,275$ | 937,490 | 272,326 | 284,740 | 7,851 | 528,738 | $3,326,606$ | $1,359,275$ |
| Aug 22 | $1,271,378$ | 963,995 | 297,230 | 335,299 | 14,082 | 512,986 | $3,084,621$ | $1,271,378$ |
| Sep 22 | $1,302,962$ | 992,923 | 288,663 | 481,374 | 140,334 | 520,186 | $3,256,166$ | $1,302,962$ |
| Oct 22 | $2,980,810$ | $1,902,371$ | 472,498 | 556,544 | 62,235 | 504,479 | $3,216,242$ | $2,980,810$ |
| Nov 22 | $6,265,412$ | $3,298,835$ | 562,235 | 586,251 | 13,402 | 529,609 | $3,599,696$ | $6,265,412$ |
| Dec 22 | $8,953,678$ | $4,621,107$ | 554,578 | 507,048 | 2,904 | 491,076 | $3,611,463$ | $8,953,678$ |

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Effective November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018

| Line | RESIDENTIAL GROUP <br> Unamortized <br> Balance (1) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Date | Interest (2) | Forecast Usage |  |
| 1 |  | 0.02359 | $2.38 \%$ |  |
| 2 | Oct-17 | $\$ 1,193,134$ |  |  |
| 3 | Nov-17 | $\$ 1,051,391$ | $\$ 2,224$ | $6,102,874$ |
| 4 | Dec-17 | $\$ 845,567$ | $\$ 1,879$ | $8,804,716$ |
| 5 | Jan-18 | $\$ 644,683$ | $\$ 1,476$ | $8,578,231$ |
| 6 | Feb-18 | $\$ 492,285$ | $\$ 1,126$ | $6,508,026$ |
| 7 | Mar-18 | $\$ 354,702$ | $\$ 839$ | $5,867,822$ |
| 8 | Apr-18 | $\$ 260,458$ | $\$ 609$ | $4,020,929$ |
| 9 | May-18 | $\$ 203,588$ | $\$ 460$ | $2,430,225$ |
| 10 | Jun-18 | $\$ 168,345$ | $\$ 368$ | $1,509,624$ |
| 11 | Jul-18 | $\$ 137,890$ | $\$ 303$ | $1,303,844$ |
| 12 | Aug-18 | $\$ 108,071$ | $\$ 244$ | $1,274,394$ |
| 13 | Sep-18 | $\$ 77,803$ | $\$ 184$ | $1,290,889$ |
| 14 | Oct-18 | $\$ 9,664$ | $\$ 87$ | $2,892,152$ |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |

16 Incremental Rate to Recover Estimated Interest ..... $\$ 0.00019$
Estimated Rate to Recover Deferral Balance ..... $\$ 0.02359$Rate before Gross-up for Revenue-related items$\$ 0.02378$
19 Times: Gross-up for Revenue-related items (3) ..... 1.03278
Preliminary Proposed Decoupling Rate ..... $\$ 0.02456$
21 3\% Test Rate Adjustment (4) ..... $\$ 0.00000$
22 Final Proposed Decoupling Rate \$0.02456 Surcharge Rate
Adjusted for Revenue Related Expenses \$0.02378 Amortization Rate
24 Estimated Carryover Balance due to 3\% test (5)\$0

## Notes

(1) Deferral balance at the end of the month, Rate of $\$ 0.02359$ to recover the October 2017 balance of $\$ 1,193,134$ over 12 months. See page 2 of Attachment A for October 2017 balance calculation.
(2) Interest computed on average balance between beginning and end of month at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate.
(3) UG 288 conversion factor, see page 6 of Attachment A.
(4) See page 5 of Attachment A for 3\% test adjustment calculations.
(5) See page 2 of Attachment A for estimated carryover balance calculations.

## RESIDENTIAL GROUP

Calculate Estimated Monthly Balances through October 2018

| Line |  | Allowed Rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. |  | Ending Balance | of Return | Amortization |
|  |  |  | 7.46\% |  |
|  |  |  | (Deferral) \& |  |
|  |  |  | 2.38\% (Amort) |  |
| 1 | Dec-16 | \$1,121,435 |  |  |
| 4 | Jan-17 | \$1,128,407 | \$6,972 |  |
| 5 | Feb-17 | \$1,135,422 | \$7,015 |  |
| 6 | Mar-17 | \$1,142,480 | \$7,059 |  |
| 7 | Apr-17 | \$1,149,582 | \$7,102 |  |
| 8 | May-17 | \$1,156,729 | \$7,147 |  |
| 9 | Jun-17 | \$1,163,920 | \$7,191 |  |
| 10 | Jul-17 | \$1,171,156 | \$7,236 |  |
| 11 | Aug-17 | \$1,178,436 | \$7,281 |  |
| 12 | Sep-17 | \$1,185,762 | \$7,326 |  |
| 13 | Oct-17 | \$1,193,134 | \$7,371 |  |
| 14 | Nov-17 | \$1,050,230 | \$2,222 | \$145,126 |
| 15 | Dec-17 | \$842,729 | \$1,875 | \$209,376 |
| 16 | Jan-18 | \$640,208 | \$1,469 | \$203,990 |
| 17 | Feb-18 | \$486,563 | \$1,116 | \$154,761 |
| 18 | Mar-18 | \$347,853 | \$827 | \$139,537 |
| 19 | Apr-18 | \$252,831 | \$595 | \$95,618 |
| 20 | May-18 | \$195,484 | \$444 | \$57,791 |
| 21 | Jun-18 | \$159,937 | \$352 | \$35,899 |
| 22 | Jul-18 | \$129,218 | \$286 | \$31,005 |
| 23 | Aug-18 | \$99,139 | \$226 | \$30,305 |
| 24 | Sep-18 | \$68,608 | \$166 | \$30,697 |
| 25 | Oct-18 | (\$99) | \$68 | \$68,775 |
| 26 | Total |  | \$81,347 | \$1,202,881 |
|  | Summary |  |  |  |
| 27 | 2016 Deferred Revenue | \$1,121,435 |  |  |
| 29 | Add Interest through 10/31/2018 | \$81,347 |  |  |
| 30 | Add Revenue Related Expense Adj. | \$39,555 |  |  |
| 31 | Total Requested Recovery | \$1,242,336 |  |  |
| 32 | Customer Surcharge Revenue | \$1,242,336 |  |  |
| 33 | Carryover Deferred Revenue | \$0 |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

Calculation of Decoupling Mechanism Surcharge or Rebate Amortization Rates
Effective November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018


NON-RESIDENTIAL GROUP
Calculate Estimated Monthly Balance through October 2018

| Line <br> No. |  | Ending Balance | Allowed Rate of Return 7.46\% (Deferral) \& 2.38\% (Amort) | Amortization |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Dec-16 | \$907,621 |  |  |
| 4 | Jan-17 | \$913,263 | \$5,642 |  |
| 5 | Feb-17 | \$918,941 | \$5,677 |  |
| 6 | Mar-17 | \$924,654 | \$5,713 |  |
| 7 | Apr-17 | \$930,402 | \$5,748 |  |
| 8 | May-17 | \$936,186 | \$5,784 |  |
| 9 | Jun-17 | \$942,006 | \$5,820 |  |
| 10 | Jul-17 | \$947,862 | \$5,856 |  |
| 11 | Aug-17 | \$953,754 | \$5,893 |  |
| 12 | Sep-17 | \$959,684 | \$5,929 |  |
| 13 | Oct-17 | \$965,650 | \$5,966 |  |
| 14 | Nov-17 | \$863,251 | \$1,812 | \$104,210 |
| 15 | Dec-17 | \$732,949 | \$1,581 | \$131,884 |
| 16 | Jan-18 | \$606,486 | \$1,327 | \$127,790 |
| 17 | Feb-18 | \$508,310 | \$1,104 | \$99,281 |
| 18 | Mar-18 | \$418,045 | \$918 | \$91,182 |
| 19 | Apr-18 | \$354,963 | \$766 | \$63,848 |
| 20 | May-18 | \$312,228 | \$661 | \$43,396 |
| 21 | Jun-18 | \$280,763 | \$587 | \$32,052 |
| 22 | Jul-18 | \$247,117 | \$523 | \$34,169 |
| 23 | Aug-18 | \$212,302 | \$455 | \$35,270 |
| 24 | Sep-18 | \$170,251 | \$379 | \$42,429 |
| 25 | Oct-18 | \$103,035 | \$271 | \$67,487 |
| 26 | Total |  | \$68,413 | \$872,999 |
|  | Summary |  |  |  |
| 27 | 2016 Deferred Revenue | \$907,621 |  |  |
| 29 | Add Interest through 10/31/2018 | \$68,413 |  |  |
| 30 | Add Revenue Related Expense Adj. | \$28,459 |  |  |
| 31 | Total Requested Recovery | \$1,004,493 |  |  |
| 32 | Customer Surcharge Revenue | \$901,458 |  |  |
| 33 | Carryover Deferred Revenue | \$103,035 |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

## Decoupling Mechanism 3\% Test 2016 Oregon Natural Gas Deferrals

Line No.

|  |  | Residential | Non-Residential | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Revenue From 2016 Normalized Loads and |  |  |  |
| 1 | Customers at Present Billing Rates (Note 1) | \$58,669,121 | \$30,044,992 | \$88,714,113 |
| 2 | November 2017 - October 2018 Usage | 50,583,726 | 36,960,160 |  |
| 3 | Proposed Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02723 |  |
| 4 | Present Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.00000 | \$0.00000 |  |
| 5 | Incremental Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02723 |  |
| 6 | Incremental Recovery | \$1,242,336 | \$1,006,425 | \$2,248,761 |
| 7 | Incremental Surcharge \% | 2.12\% | 3.35\% |  |
| 8 | 3\% Test Adjustment (2) | \$0 | $(\$ 105,075)$ | (\$105,075) |
| 9 | 3\% Test Rate Adjustment | \$0.00000 | -\$0.00284 |  |
| 10 | Adjusted Proposed Decoupling Recovery Rates | \$0.02456 | \$0.02439 |  |
| 11 | Adjusted Incremental Decoupling Recovery | \$1,242,336 | \$901,458 | \$2,143,795 |
| 12 | Adjusted Incremental Surcharge \% | 2.12\% | 3.00\% | 2.42\% |

Notes
(1) 2016 Normalized Revenue from Revenue System Reports, Weather Normalization model, with effective rates at January 1, 2017.
(2) The carryover balances will differ from the $3 \%$ adjustment amounts due to the revenue related expense gross up partially offset by additional interest on the outstanding balance during the amortization period.

## AVISTA UTILITIES <br> OREGON NATURAL GAS <br> CONVERSION FACTOR EXHIBIT <br> TWELVE MONTHS BASE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Line
No.
Description
Factor
1 Revenues
1.0000001.000000
2
Expense:
3 Uncollectibles 0.006335 ..... 0.006335
4 Commission Fees 0.003000
5 Energy Resource Supplier Assesment ..... 0.001172 ..... 0.001172
6 Franchise Fees 0.021230 ..... 0.021230
7 Oregon Excise Tax ..... 0.000000Net Operating Income Before FIT0.9682630.968263
7 Federal Income Tax @ 35\% ..... 0.338892
8 REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR 0.629371 ..... 0.968263Gross Up Factor1.03278

## Avista Utilities

Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon) Development of OR Natural Gas Deferrals (Calendar Year 2016)

Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { L } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Source | Jan-16 | Feb-16 |  | Mar-16 |  | Apr-16 |  | May-16 |  | Jun-16 |  | Jul-16 |  | Aug-16 |  | Sep-16 |  | Oct-16 |  | Nov-16 |  | Dec-16 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |  | (e) |  | (f) |  | (g) |  | (h) |  | (i) |  | (j) |  | (k) |  | (1) |  | (m) |  | ( n ) |  | (o) |
| Residential Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Rate Year Allowed Customers | Page 3 |  |  |  | 87,708 |  | 87,603 |  | 87,371 |  | 87,028 |  | 86,666 |  | 86,389 |  | 86,337 |  | 86,866 |  | 87,585 |  | 88,200 |  | 871,752 |
| 2 | Total Actual Billed Customers | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 87,919 |  | 87,751 |  | 87,611 |  | 87,328 |  | 87,117 |  | 87,013 |  | 87,018 |  | 87,434 |  | 88,202 |  | 88,640 |  | 876,033 |
| 3 | Total Actual Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 5,134,000 |  | 2,727,267 |  | 1,918,705 |  | 1,238,239 |  | 1,136,363 |  | 1,109,449 |  | 1,173,686 |  | 3,168,968 |  | 4,966,685 |  | 9,269,970 |  | 31,843,332 |
| 4 | Total Actual Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 3,766,376 |  | 2,353,657 | \$ | 1,878,910 |  | 1,444,118 | \$ 1 | 1,448,021 |  | 1,511,211 | \$ | 1,457,557 | \$ | 2,724,721 | \$ | 3,708,712 | \$ | 6,147,539 |  | 26,440,823 |
| 5 | Total Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 746,592 | \$ | 796,598 | \$ | 795,175 | \$ | 794,469 | \$ | 790,076 | \$ | 790,287 | \$ | 790,209 | \$ | 790,287 | \$ | 796,678 | \$ | 801,793 | \$ | 7,892,164 |
| 6 | New Hook-up Customers Billed | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 379 |  | 473 |  | 592 |  | 681 |  | 799 |  | 877 |  | 996 |  | 1,109 |  | 1,326 |  | 1,448 |  | 8,680 |
| 7 | New Hook-up Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 13,984 |  | 13,210 |  | 8,351 |  | 5,885 |  | 5,209 |  | 4,867 |  | 7,809 |  | 14,443 |  | 37,822 |  | 89,047 |  | 200,627 |
| 8 | New Hook-up Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 10,541 | \$ | 11,460 | \$ | 9,649 | \$ | 9,070 | \$ | 9,589 | \$ | 10,175 | \$ | 12,879 | \$ | 17,542 | \$ | 33,051 | \$ | 64,140 | \$ | 188,096 |
| 9 | New Hook-up Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 2,709 | \$ | 3,798 | \$ | 4,800 | \$ | 5,652 | \$ | 6,563 | \$ | 7,349 | \$ | 8,344 | \$ | 9,155 | \$ | 11,090 | \$ | 12,437 | \$ | 71,898 |
| 10 | Actual Customers | Rate Year Adjusted | - | - |  | 87,708 |  | 87,603 |  | 87,371 |  | 87,028 |  | 86,666 |  | 86,389 |  | 86,337 |  | 86,866 |  | 87,585 |  | 88,200 |  | 871,752 |
| 11 | Monthly Decoupled Revenue per Customer | Appendix 5, Page 3 | \$54.14 | \$41.73 |  | \$36.50 |  | \$26.55 |  | \$16.39 |  | \$10.34 |  | \$8.81 |  | \$8.07 |  | \$8.20 |  | \$18.60 |  | \$36.67 |  | \$53.55 |  | \$319.55 |
| 12 | Decoupled Revenue | (10) $\times$ (11) | \$ | \$ - | \$ | 3,201,606 | \$ | 2,325,732 | \$ | 1,431,998 | \$ | 899,854 | \$ | 763,780 | \$ | 697,387 | \$ | 707,918 | \$ | 1,615,934 | \$ | 3,211,322 | \$ | 4,722,886 | \$ | 19,578,417 |
| 13 | Actual Base Rate Revenue (Excludes Gas Costs) | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ | \$ - |  | 3,760,517 | \$ | 2,350,072 | \$ | 1,875,000 | \$ | 1,440,121 | \$ 1 | 1,442,605 | \$ 1 | 1,503,968 | \$ | 1,448,748 | \$ | 2,715,731 | \$ | 3,693,323 | \$ | 6,128,055 | \$ | 26,358,141 |
| 14 | Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ - | \$ - | \$ | 745,086 | \$ | 795,410 | \$ | 793,230 | \$ | 791,978 | \$ | 786,368 | \$ | 785,055 | \$ | 784,502 | \$ | 785,595 | \$ | 791,515 | \$ | 798,015 | \$ | 7,856,754 |
| 15 | Customer Decoupled Payments | (13) - (14) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ | 3,015,431 | \$ | 1,554,662 | \$ | 1,081,770 | \$ | 648,143 | \$ | 656,237 | \$ | 718,912 | \$ | 664,246 | \$ | 1,930,136 | \$ | 2,901,809 | \$ | 5,330,040 | \$ | 18,501,387 |
| 16 | Residential Revenue Per Customer Received |  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |  | \$34.38 |  | \$17.75 |  | \$12.38 |  | \$7.45 |  | \$7.57 |  | \$8.32 |  | \$7.69 |  | \$22.22 |  | \$33.13 |  | \$60.43 |  |  |
| 17 | Deferral - Surcharge (Rebate) | (12) - (15) | \$ | \$ - | \$ | 186,175 | \$ | 771,070 | \$ | 350,228 | \$ | 251,711 | \$ | 107,543 | \$ | $(21,525)$ | \$ | 43,672 | \$ | $(314,202)$ | \$ | 309,513 | \$ | $(607,155)$ | \$ | 1,077,030 |
| 18 | Deferral - Revenue Related Expenses | Rev Conv Factor | \$ | \$ - | \$ | $(5,754)$ | \$ | $(23,831)$ | \$ | $(10,824)$ | \$ | $(7,779)$ | \$ | $(3,324)$ | \$ | 665 | \$ | $(1,350)$ | \$ | 9,711 | \$ | $(9,566)$ | \$ | 18,765 | \$ | $(3,287)$ |
| 19 |  | Authorized ROR | 7.46\% | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  |  |
| 20 | Interest on Deferral | Avg Balance Calc | \$ - | \$ - | \$ | 561 | \$ | 3,447 | \$ | 6,845 | \$ | 8,700 | \$ | 9,836 | \$ | 10,156 | \$ | 10,286 | \$ | 9,535 | \$ | 9,581 | \$ | 8,744 | \$ | 77,691 |
| 21 | Monthly Residential Deferral Totals |  | \$ | \$ - | \$ | 180,982 | \$ | 750,686 | \$ | 346,249 | \$ | 252,631 | \$ | 114,056 | \$ | $(10,704)$ | \$ | 52,608 | \$ | $(294,955)$ | \$ | 309,528 | \$ | $(579,646)$ | \$ | 1,121,435 |
| 22 | Cumulative Deferral Balance | $\Sigma((17)+(20))$ | \$ | \$ - | \$ | 180,982 | \$ | 931,668 | \$ | 1,277,917 | \$ | 1,530,548 | \$ | 1,644,604 | \$ | 1,633,900 | \$ | 1,686,509 | \$ | 1,391,553 | \$ | 1,701,081 | \$ | 1,121,435 |  |  |
| 23 | Weather Related Deferred Revenue |  |  |  | \$ | 388,547 | \$ | 693,123 | \$ | 289,067 | \$ | $(41,881)$ | \$ | (580) | \$ | 884 | \$ | 9,583 | \$ | $(13,662)$ | \$ | 675,256 | \$ | $(395,098)$ |  |  |
| 24 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  | \$ | $(12,008)$ | \$ | $(21,422)$ | \$ | $(8,934)$ | \$ | 1,294 | \$ | 18 | \$ | (27) | \$ | (296) | \$ | 422 | \$ | $(20,869)$ | \$ | 12,211 |  |  |
| 25 | Interest |  |  |  | \$ | 1,170 | \$ | 4,435 | \$ | 7,420 | \$ | 8,211 | \$ | 8,134 | \$ | 8,185 | \$ | 8,268 | \$ | 8,307 | \$ | 10,351 | \$ | 11,259 |  |  |
| 26 | Total Residential Weather Related Deferral Surc | charge (Rebate) |  |  | \$ | 377,708 | \$ | 676,136 | \$ | 287,553 | \$ | $(32,375)$ | \$ | 7,572 | \$ | 9,042 | \$ | 17,554 | \$ | $(4,933)$ | \$ | 664,737 | \$ | $(371,628)$ | \$ | 1,631,365 |
| 27 | Cumulative Weather Related Deferral Balance |  |  |  | \$ | 377,708 | \$ | 1,053,844 | \$ | 1,341,398 | \$ | 1,309,022 | \$ | 1,316,594 | \$ | 1,325,636 | \$ | 1,343,190 | \$ | 1,338,257 | \$ | 2,002,994 | \$ | 1,631,365 |  |  |
| 28 | Conservation (Non-Weather) Related Deferred Reve | enue |  |  | \$ | $(202,371)$ | \$ | 77,947 | \$ | 61,161 | \$ | 293,591 | \$ | 108,123 | \$ | $(22,409)$ | \$ | 34,089 | \$ | $(300,539)$ | \$ | $(365,743)$ | \$ | $(212,057)$ |  |  |
| 29 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  | \$ | 6,254 | \$ | $(2,409)$ | \$ | $(1,890)$ | \$ | $(9,074)$ | \$ | $(3,342)$ | \$ | 693 | \$ | $(1,054)$ | \$ | 9,288 | \$ | 11,304 | \$ | 6,554 |  |  |
| 30 | Interest |  |  |  |  | (609) | \$ | (988) | \$ | (575) | \$ | 490 | \$ | 1,702 | \$ | 1,971 | \$ | 2,019 | \$ | 1,229 | \$ | (770) | \$ | $(2,515)$ |  |  |
| 31 | Total Residential Conservation (Non-Weather) R Surcharge (Rebate) | Related Deferral |  |  | \$ | $(196,726)$ | \$ | 74,550 | \$ | 58,695 | \$ | 285,007 | \$ | 106,484 | \$ | $(19,745)$ | \$ | 35,054 | \$ | $(290,022)$ | \$ | $(355,209)$ | \$ | $(208,018)$ | \$ | $(509,931)$ |
| 32 | Cumulative Conservation (Non-Weather) Related D | Deferral Balance |  |  |  | $(196,726)$ | \$ | $(122,176)$ | \$ | $(63,481)$ | \$ | 221,526 | \$ | 328,010 | \$ | 308,265 | \$ | 343,319 | \$ | 53,297 | \$ | $(301,913)$ | \$ | $(509,931)$ |  |  |
| 33 | Residential Cumulative Deferral Surcharge (Reb | ate) Balance |  |  |  | 180,982 | \$ | 931,668 |  | 1,277,917 |  | 1,530,548 |  | 1,644,604 |  | 1,633,900 |  | 1,686,509 |  | 1,391,553 |  | 1,701,081 | \$ 1 | 1,121,435 |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon) Development of OR Natural Gas Deferrals (Calendar Year 2016)

Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

| Line <br> No. |  | Source | Jan-16 | Feb-16 |  | Mar-16 |  | Apr-16 |  | May-16 |  | Jun-16 |  | Jul-16 |  | Aug-16 |  | Sep-16 |  | Oct-16 |  | Nov-16 |  | Dec-16 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |  | (e) |  | (f) |  | (g) |  | (h) |  | (i) |  | ${ }^{\text {(j) }}$ |  | (k) |  | (1) |  | (m) |  | ( n ) |  | (o) |
| Non-Residential Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Rate Year Allowed Customers | Page 3 |  |  |  | 11,573 |  | 11,522 |  | 11,514 |  | 11,482 |  | 11,453 |  | 11,420 |  | 11,413 |  | 11,431 |  | 11,511 |  | 11,588 |  |  |
| 2 | Total Actual Billed Customers | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 11,768 |  | 11,708 |  | 11,759 |  | 11,697 |  | 11,659 |  | 11,671 |  | 11,651 |  | 11,664 |  | 11,718 |  | 11,792 |  |  |
| 3 | Total Actual Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 3,531,956 |  | 2,192,176 |  | 1,746,016 |  | 1,465,622 |  | 1,293,484 |  | 1,507,309 |  | 1,632,097 |  | 2,474,028 |  | 3,089,029 |  | 5,501,142 |  |  |
| 4 | Total Actual Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 1,606,345 |  | 1,017,229 | \$ | 838,442 | \$ | 681,856 | \$ | 671,422 | \$ | 742,125 | \$ | 722,185 | \$ | 1,173,201 | \$ | 1,423,957 | \$ | 2,545,661 |  |  |
| 5 | Total Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 183,604 | \$ | 201,787 | \$ | 203,037 | \$ | 201,702 | \$ | 201,143 | \$ | 201,338 | \$ | 200,833 | \$ | 201,050 | \$ | 201,928 | \$ | 203,440 |  |  |
| 6 | New Hook-up Customers Billed | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 49 |  | 63 |  | 84 |  | 98 |  | 107 |  | 113 |  | 132 |  | 145 |  | 168 |  | 189 |  |  |
| 7 | New Hook-up Usage (Therms) | Revenue Reports |  |  |  | 9,128 |  | 6,995 |  | 6,569 |  | 8,490 |  | 8,527 |  | 22,673 |  | 12,380 |  | 16,098 |  | 26,757 |  | 66,972 |  |  |
| 8 | New Hook-up Base Rate Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 4,867 | \$ | 4,368 | \$ | 4,531 | \$ | 4,976 | \$ | 4,205 | \$ | 10,688 | \$ | 5,939 | \$ | 8,251 | \$ | 13,341 | \$ | 32,502 |  |  |
| 9 | New Hook-up Fixed Charge Revenue | Revenue Reports |  |  | \$ | 679 | \$ | 1,013 | \$ | 1,377 | \$ | 1,643 | \$ | 1,750 | \$ | 1,880 | \$ | 2,176 | \$ | 2,407 | \$ | 2,773 | \$ | 3,010 |  |  |
| 10 | Actual Customers | Rate Year Adjusted | - | - |  | 11,573 |  | 11,522 |  | 11,514 |  | 11,482 |  | 11,453 |  | 11,420 |  | 11,413 |  | 11,431 |  | 11,511 |  | 11,588 |  | 114,908 |
| 11 | Monthly Decoupled Revenue per Customer | Appendix 5, Page 3 | \$174.42 | \$138.45 |  | \$120.36 |  | \$89.67 |  | \$61.45 |  | \$46.58 |  | \$48.54 |  | \$52.37 |  | \$63.02 |  | \$97.49 |  | \$134.01 |  | \$172.56 |  | \$1,198.93 |
| 12 | Decoupled Revenue | (10) $\times$ (11) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1,392,951 | \$ | 1,033,175 | \$ | 707,586 | \$ | 534,820 | \$ | 555,989 | \$ | 598,087 | \$ | 719,226 | \$ | 1,114,446 | \$ | 1,542,577 | \$ | 1,999,678 | \$ | 10,198,535 |
| 13 | Actual Base Rate Revenue (Excludes Gas Costs) | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ - \$ | \$ - | \$ | 1,586,987 | \$ | 1,004,313 | \$ | 825,245 | \$ | 670,951 | \$ | 663,343 | \$ | 718,363 | \$ | 711,476 | \$ | 1,159,962 | \$ | 1,407,515 | \$ | 2,510,624 | \$ | 11,258,781 |
| 14 | Actual Fixed Charge Revenue | Rate Year Adjusted | \$ | \$ | \$ | 180,904 | \$ | 198,792 | \$ | 199,026 | \$ | 198,101 | \$ | 197,781 | \$ | 197,159 | \$ | 196,910 | \$ | 197,187 | \$ | 198,511 | \$ | 200,195 | \$ | 1,964,564 |
| 15 | Customer Decoupled Payments | (13) - (14) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1,406,083 | \$ | 805,522 | \$ | 626,219 | \$ | 472,851 | \$ | 465,562 | \$ | 521,204 | \$ | 514,567 | \$ | 962,775 | \$ | 1,209,005 | \$ | 2,310,428 | \$ | 9,294,216 |
| 16 | Non-Residential Revenue Per Customer Received |  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |  | \$121.50 |  | \$69.91 |  | \$54.39 |  | \$41.18 |  | \$40.65 |  | \$45.64 |  | \$45.09 |  | \$84.22 |  | \$105.03 |  | \$199.38 |  |  |
| 17 | Deferral - Surcharge (Rebate) | (12) - (15) | \$ | \$ - | \$ | $(13,133)$ | \$ | 227,653 | \$ | 81,366 | \$ | 61,970 | \$ | 90,427 | \$ | 76,883 | \$ | 204,659 | \$ | 151,672 | \$ | 333,572 | \$ | $(310,750)$ | \$ | 904,319 |
| 18 | Deferral - Revenue Related Expenses | Rev Conv Factor | \$ | \$ - | \$ | 406 | \$ | $(7,036)$ | \$ | $(2,515)$ | \$ | $(1,915)$ | \$ | $(2,795)$ | \$ | $(2,376)$ | \$ | $(6,325)$ | \$ | $(4,688)$ | \$ | $(10,309)$ | \$ | 9,604 | \$ | $(27,949)$ |
| 19 |  | Authorized ROR | 7.46\% | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  | 7.46\% |  |  |
| 20 | Interest on Deferral | Avg Balance Calc | \$ - \$ | \$ | \$ | (40) | \$ | 606 | \$ | 1,541 | \$ | 1,982 | \$ | 2,453 | \$ | 2,972 | \$ | 3,838 | \$ | 4,935 | \$ | 6,427 | \$ | 6,536 | \$ | 31,252 |
| 21 | Monthly Non-Residential Deferral Totals |  | \$ - \$ |  | \$ | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 221,224 | \$ | 80,392 | \$ | 62,036 | \$ | 90,085 | \$ | 77,479 | \$ | 202,173 | \$ | 151,920 | \$ | 329,690 | \$ | (294,610) | \$ | 907,621 |
| 22 | Cumulative Deferral (Rebate) Balance | $\Sigma((17)+(20))$ | \$ | \$ - | \$ | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 208,457 | \$ | 288,849 | \$ | 350,886 | \$ | 440,971 | \$ | 518,449 | \$ | 720,622 | \$ | 872,542 | \$ | 1,202,232 | \$ | 907,621 |  |  |
| 23 | Weather Related Deferred Revenue |  |  |  | \$ | 158,939 | \$ | 288,652 | \$ | 120,596 | \$ | $(20,600)$ | \$ | $(1,186)$ | \$ | 2,746 | \$ | 6,930 | \$ | 969 | \$ | 285,746 | \$ | $(182,322)$ |  |  |
| 24 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  | \$ | $(4,912)$ | \$ | $(8,921)$ | \$ | $(3,727)$ | \$ | 637 | \$ | 37 | \$ | (85) | \$ | (214) | \$ | (30) | \$ | $(8,831)$ | \$ | 5,635 |  |  |
| 25 | Interest |  |  |  | \$ | 479 | \$ | 1,830 | \$ | 3,073 | \$ | 3,394 | \$ | 3,349 | \$ | 3,375 | \$ | 3,425 | \$ | 3,470 | \$ | 4,355 | \$ | 4,693 |  |  |
| 26 | Total Non-Residential Weather Related Deferral | Surcharge (Rebate) |  |  | \$ | 154,506 | \$ | 281,561 | \$ | 119,942 | \$ | $(16,570)$ | \$ | 2,200 | \$ | 6,035 | \$ | 10,140 | \$ | 4,409 | \$ | 281,269 | \$ | $(171,994)$ | \$ | 671,498 |
| 27 | Cumulative Weather Related Deferral Balance |  |  |  | \$ | 154,506 | \$ | 436,067 | \$ | 556,009 | \$ | 539,439 | \$ | 541,639 | \$ | 547,674 | \$ | 557,814 | \$ | 562,223 | \$ | 843,492 | \$ | 671,498 |  |  |
| 28 | Conservation (Non-Weather) Related Deferred Rev | venue |  |  | \$ | $(172,072)$ | \$ | $(60,999)$ | \$ | $(39,230)$ | \$ | 82,570 | \$ | 91,613 | \$ | 74,137 | \$ | 197,730 | \$ | 150,703 | \$ | 47,827 | \$ | $(128,429)$ |  |  |
| 29 | Revenue Related Expenses |  |  |  | \$ | 5,318 | \$ | 1,885 | \$ | 1,212 | \$ | $(2,552)$ | \$ | $(2,831)$ | \$ | $(2,291)$ | \$ | $(6,111)$ | \$ | $(4,658)$ | \$ | $(1,478)$ | \$ | 3,969 |  |  |
| 30 | Interest |  |  |  | \$ | (518) | \$ | $(1,223)$ | \$ | $(1,533)$ | \$ | $(1,412)$ | \$ | (896) | \$ | (402) | \$ | 414 | \$ | 1,466 | \$ | 2,073 | \$ | 1,843 |  |  |
| 31 | Total Non-Residential Conservation (Non-Weat Surcharge (Rebate) | her) Related Deferral |  |  | \$ | $(167,272)$ | \$ | $(60,337)$ | \$ | $(39,550)$ | \$ | 78,606 | \$ | 87,885 | \$ | 71,443 | \$ | 192,032 | \$ | 147,511 | \$ | 48,421 | \$ | $(122,617)$ | \$ | 236,123 |
| 32 | Cumulative Conservation (Non-Weather) Related D | Deferral Balance |  |  | \$ | $(167,272)$ | \$ | $(227,609)$ | \$ | $(267,160)$ | \$ | $(188,553)$ | \$ | $(100,668)$ | \$ | $(29,225)$ | \$ | 162,808 | \$ | 310,318 | \$ | 358,740 | \$ | 236,123 |  |  |
| 33 | Non-Residential Cumulative Deferral Surcharge | (Rebate) Balance |  |  | \$ | $(12,766)$ | \$ | 208,457 | \$ | 288,849 | \$ | 350,886 | \$ | 440,971 | \$ | 518,449 | \$ | 720,622 | \$ | 872,542 | \$ | 1,202,232 | \$ | 907,621 |  |  |
| 35 | Total Oregon Cumulative Deferral Balance Surcharge (Rebate) | Residential (33) + Non-Residential (33) | \$ | \$ | \$ | 168,216 |  | 1,140,126 | \$ | 1,566,766 | \$ | 1,881,434 | \$ | 2,085,575 | \$ | 2,152,350 | \$ | 2,407,131 | \$ | 2,264,095 | \$ | 2,903,312 | \$ | 2,029,056 |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon) Development of Decoupled Revenue by Rate Schedule - Natural Gas Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016
1 Total Normalized 2016 Margin Revenue
2 Approved Margin Revenue Increase
3 Total Delivery Revenue (2016 Test Year) $(\operatorname{Ln} 1+\operatorname{Ln} 2)$
4 Customer Bills (2016 Test Year)
5 Approved Basic Charges
6 Basic Charge Revenue $(\operatorname{Ln} 4 * \operatorname{Ln} 5)$
7 Decoupled Revenue $(\operatorname{Ln} 6-\operatorname{Ln} 3)$

9 Average Number of Customers (Line 8/12 mos.)
10 Annual Therms
11 Basic Charge Revenues
12 Customer Bills
13 Average Basic Charge

|  | TOTAL | RESIDENTIAL <br> SCHEDULE 410 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { SM COMMERCIAL } \\ \text { \& INDUSTRIAL } \\ \text { SCH. } 420 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | LG COMMERCIAL <br> \& INDUSTRIAL SCH. 424 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { INTERRUPTIBLE } \\ \text { SCH } 440 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | INTERRUPTIBLESCH 444 |  | TRANSPORTATION <br> SCH 456 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 52,144,000 | \$ | 34,352,000 | \$ | 13,509,000 | \$ | 651,000 | \$ | 460,000 | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | 3,127,000 |
| \$ | 4,460,000 | \$ | 2,963,000 | \$ | 1,497,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| \$ | 56,604,000 | \$ | 37,315,000 | \$ | 15,006,000 | \$ | 651,000 | \$ | 460,000 | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | 3,127,000 |
|  | 1,185,790 |  | 1,047,325 |  | 136,601 |  | 975 |  | 414 |  | 44 |  | 431 |
|  |  |  | \$9.00 |  | \$17.00 |  | \$50.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$275.00 |
| \$ | 11,915,422 | \$ | 9,425,925 | \$ | 2,322,218 | \$ | 48,736 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 118,543 |
| \$ | 44,688,578 | \$ | 27,889,075 | \$ | 12,683,782 | \$ | 602,264 | \$ | 460,000 | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | 3,008,457 |
|  | 120,217,087 |  | 48,034,609 |  | 26,414,656 |  | 4,331,078 |  | 3,951,434 |  | 264,683 |  | 37,220,627 |
|  |  |  | Residential | Non-Residential Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | pt from |
|  |  |  | 87,277 | 11,503 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | oupling |
|  |  |  | 48,034,609 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | hanism |
|  |  | \$ | 9,425,925 | $34,961,852$$2,370,954$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Avista Utilities

## Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)

 Development of Decoupled Revenue Per Customer - Natural Gas
## Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

| Line <br> No. | Source | ResidentialNon-Residential <br> Schedules* |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) | (b) |  | (c) | (d) |  |
| 1 | Decoupled Revenue | Page 1 | $\$$ | $27,889,075$ | $\$$ |
| 2 | Test Year Number of Customers 2016 | Revenue Data |  | 87,277 | $11,591,046$ |
| 3 | Decoupled Revenue Per Customer | $(1) /(2)$ | $\$$ | 319.55 | $\$$ |

*Schedules 420, 424, 440, and 444

Development of Monthly Decoupled Revenue Per Customer - Natural Gas

## Docket No. UG-288 Rates Effective March 1, 2016

| Line No. |  | Source |  | Jan |  | Feb |  | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  | Nov | Dec | total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (a) | (b) |  | (c) |  | (d) |  | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | (j) | (k) | (1) |  | (m) | (n) | (o) |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Natural Gas Delivery Volume |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | - Weather-Normalized Therm Delivery Volume | Monthly Rate Year |  | 8,138,166 |  | 6,272,728 |  | 5,487,095 | 3,990,763 | 2,463,713 | 1,554,279 | 1,324,758 | 1,213,479 | 1,232,544 | 2,796,347 |  | 5,511,521 | 8,049,216 | 48,034,609 |
| 5 | - \% of Annual Total | \% of Total |  | 16.94\% |  | 13.06\% |  | 11.42\% | 8.31\% | 5.13\% | 3.24\% | 2.76\% | 2.53\% | 2.57\% | 5.82\% |  | 11.47\% | 16.76\% | 100.00\% |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Non-Residential Sales* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | - Weather-Normalized Therm Delivery Volume | Monthly Rate Year |  | 5,086,227 |  | 4,037,385 |  | 3,509,828 | 2,614,908 | 1,792,006 | 1,358,257 | 1,415,569 | 1,527,240 | 1,837,667 | 2,842,902 |  | 3,907,838 | 5,032,023 | 34,961,852 |
| 9 | -\% of Annual Total | \% of Total |  | 14.55\% |  | 11.55\% |  | 10.04\% | 7.48\% | 5.13\% | 3.88\% | 4.05\% | 4.37\% | 5.26\% | 8.13\% |  | 11.18\% | 14.39\% | 100.00\% |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Monthly Decoupled Revenue Per Customer ("RPC") |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | - Decoupled Revenue per Customer | Page 2 - Decoupled RPC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 319.55 |
| 14 | - Monthly Decoupled Revenue per Customer | (5) $\times$ (13) | \$ | 54.14 | \$ | 41.73 | \$ | 36.50 | 26.55 | 16.39 | 10.34 | 8.81 | 8.07 | 8.20 | 18.60 | \$ | 36.67 | 53.55 | \$ 319.55 |
| 15 | - Monthly Allowed Customers |  |  | 87,799 |  | 87,774 |  | 87,708 | 87,603 | 87,371 | 87,028 | 86,666 | 86,389 | 86,337 | 86,866 |  | 87,585 | 88,200 |  |
| 16 | Non-Residential Sales* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | - Decoupled Revenue per Customer | Page 2 - Decoupled RPC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 1,198.93 |
| 18 | - Monthly Decoupled Revenue per Customer | (9) $\times(17)$ | \$ | 174.42 | \$ | 138.45 | \$ | 120.36 | 89.67 | 61.45 | 46.58 | 48.54 | 52.37 | \$ 63.02 | \$ 97.49 | \$ | 134.01 | 172.56 | \$ 1,198.93 |
| 19 | - Monthly Allowed Customers |  |  | 11,550 |  | 11,575 |  | 11,573 | 11,522 | 11,514 | 11,482 | 11,453 | 11,420 | 11,413 | 11,431 |  | 11,511 | 11,588 |  |
| 20 | *Schedules 420, 424, 440, and 444. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Staff Forecast |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Therms | Jan-16 |  | Feb-16 |  | Mar-16 |  | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 |  | Dec-16 | Total |  |
|  | Schedule 410 | 8,138,166 |  | 6,272,728 |  | 5,487,095 |  | 3,990,763 | 2,463,713 | 1,554,279 | 1,324,758 | 1,213,479 | 1,232,544 | 2,796,347 | 5,511,521 |  | 8,049,216 | 48,034,609 |  |
|  | Schedule 420 | 4,279,073 |  | 3,302,427 |  | 2,866,347 |  | 2,056,004 | 1,331,775 | 924,590 | 912,032 | 934,930 | 951,060 | 1,807,000 | 2,930,714 |  | 4,118,706 | 26,414,656 |  |
|  | Schedule 424 | 436,093 |  | 405,285 |  | 356,326 |  | 293,874 | 246,337 | 237,713 | 273,520 | 303,513 | 286,120 | 464,884 | 517,645 |  | 509,768 | 4,331,078 |  |
|  | Schedule 440 | 370,667 |  | 329,673 |  | 287,156 |  | 264,578 | 210,160 | 191,832 | 220,654 | 259,590 | 468,200 | 494,384 | 453,835 |  | 400,706 | 3,951,434 |  |
|  | Schedule 444 | 394 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 452 | 3,735 | 4,122 | 9,364 | 29,208 | 132,286 | 76,634 | 5,645 |  | 2,843 | 264,683 |  |
|  | Customers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Schedule 410 | 87,799 |  | 87,774 |  | 87,708 |  | 87,603 | 87,371 | 87,028 | 86,666 | 86,389 | 86,337 | 86,866 | 87,585 |  | 88,200 | 1,047,325 |  |
|  | Schedule 420 | 11,435 |  | 11,454 |  | 11,457 |  | 11,406 | 11,396 | 11,366 | 11,335 | 11,299 | 11,287 | 11,305 | 11,392 |  | 11,470 | 136,601 |  |
|  | Schedule 424 | 79 |  | 86 |  | 82 |  | 80 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 |  | 82 | 975 |  |
|  | Schedule 440 | 34 |  | 33 |  | 33 |  | 33 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 35 |  | 34 | 414 |  |
|  | Schedule 444 | 2 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 3 |  | 3 | 44 |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Company's authorized rate of return of $7.46 \%$ was approved with rates effective March 1, 2016 in Docket No. UG-288.
    ${ }^{2}$ Ibid.

[^1]:    3 For January through June 2017, the Company has deferred in the rebate direction approximately $\$ 2.1$ million for the Residential and Non-Residential Groups.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ Without this clarification, the Company could be required to continue a rebate when the deferral balance is zero or in a surcharge position. For example, if the Company had a $5 \%$ rebate in one year and the following year had no deferral balance, a $3 \%$ rate increase over the $5 \%$ rebate would still require a $2 \%$ rebate even though there would not be a rebate balance in the deferral account.
    ${ }^{5}$ Order No. 16-076, Appendix A, page 7.
    6 "Existing customers" were in service prior to 2016. "New customers" consist of all new hookups in 2016 and after.

[^3]:    ${ }^{7}$ On July 28, 2017, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2017 Schedules 461/462 (Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Schedules - Advice No. 17-02-G), Schedule 476 (Intervenor Funding Schedule - Advice No. 17-03-G), and Schedules 477/478/479 (DSM / Residual Account / SB408 - Advice No. 17-04-G).

