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Via Electronic Mail

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
201 High St SE
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Salem, OR 97301

Advice No. 16-16-G

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of the Company's proposed revisions to the following tariff sheets, P.U.C. OR. No. 5:

Oregon PUC Sheet No.

4th Revision Sheet 7B

Canceling Oregon PUC Sheet No.

3rd Revision Sheet 7B

In compliance with Commission Order No. 16-453 in Docket No. UM 779, "Public Utility Commission of Oregon Determination of Late-Payment Rate and Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits," Avista has made the tariff change to reflect the deposit interest rate of 0.7 percent which utilities must credit customers for deposits.

A hard copy is being provided via overnight mail. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to myself at (509) 495-4975.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

RULE NO. 7 (continued)

DEPOSITS

- b. Not more than two five-day disconnection notices were issued to the customer during the previous 12 months; and
- c. The customer was not disconnected for nonpayment during the previous 12 months.

- 3. After satisfactory credit has been established or re-established, the deposit plus any accrued interest will be promptly refunded or credited to the customer's account. A customer is entitled to a refund upon request.
- 4. In the event the customer moves to a new address within the Company's service area, the deposit, plus accrued interest, will be transferred to the new account.
- 5. Deposits plus accrued interest can be refunded or credited, in whole or in part, to the customer's account at any time provided that procedures followed by the Company are non-discriminatory.
- 6. Unless otherwise specified by the customer, the Company will mail deposit refunds to the customer's last known address. Valid claims for payment of refunds will be promptly honored by the Company if received within one year of the date service is terminated. Funds held beyond one year will be disposed of in accordance with ORS 98.316.

D. Interest on Deposits for Residential and Non-Residential Service.

- 1. Each year, the Commission shall establish an annual interest rate that must be paid on customer deposits. The Commission will base the rate upon consideration of the effective interest rate for new issues of one-year Treasury Bills issued during the last week of October, the interest rate on the most recent issuance of one-year Treasury Bills, or the effective interest rate for the average yield of Treasury Bills of the closest term issued during the last week of October. This interest rate, rounded to the nearest 0.3% (when the T-Bill rate is lower than 0.5%), or 0.5% (when the T-Bill rate is 0.5% or higher) applies to deposits held during January 1 through December 31 of the subsequent year. The interest rate for 2017 is 0.7%.
- 2. Upon payment of a deposit, the Company will provide the customer documentation showing the date, name of the applicant or customer, the service address, amount of deposit, a statement that the deposit accrues interest at the rate prescribed by the Commission, and an explanation of the conditions under which the deposit will be refunded.

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