

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 389

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTIONS TO ADMIT SECOND PARTIAL SETTLEMENT STIPULATION AND THIRD STIPULATION GRANTED; STIPULATIONS AND JOINT TESTIMONY ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD; PARTIES PRE-FILED TESTIMONY ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD

On May 28, 2020, I granted the joint motion of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, and the Commission Staff (collectively, the parties) and admitted the Partial Settlement Stipulation and Joint Testimony in Support of the Partial Settlement Stipulation into the record.

On August 13 2020, on behalf of the stipulating parties, Avista filed the Second Partial Settlement Stipulation and a Motion to Admit the Second Partial Settlement Stipulation. The Joint Testimony in Support of Second Partial Settlement Stipulation was filed on August 24, 2020. On September 3, 2020, on behalf of the stipulating parties, Avista filed a Motion to Admit the Third Partial Settlement Stipulation, the Third Partial Settlement Stipulation and Joint Testimony in Support of Third Partial Settlement Stipulation.

Without objection, the parties offered the following testimony, exhibits, and supporting affidavits and declarations, where applicable, into the record of these proceedings:

Avista Corporation:

Testimony and Exhibits	Witnesses or Other Sources
Avista/100-102	Dennis P. Vermillion
Avista/200-204	Mark T. Thies
Avista/300-302	Adrien M. McKenzie
Avista/400-401	Jody Morehouse
Avista/500-502	Annette M. Brandon
Avista/600-603	Kaylene J. Schultz

Avista/700-701	Grant D. Forsyth
Avista/800-802	Joel C. Anderson
Avista/900-903	Joseph D. Miller
Avista/1000-1001	Jeanne M. Pluth
Avista/1100-1103	Joseph D. Miller
Joint Testimony/100	Annette M. Brandon
Joint Testimony/200	Marianne Gardner, Annette M. Brandon, Joseph D. Miller, William Gehrke and Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/300	Marianne Gardner, Annette M. Brandon, Joseph D. Miller, William Gehrke and Bradley G. Mullins

Staff:

Testimony and Exhibits	Witnesses or Other Sources
Staff/100-101	Opening Testimony of Marianne Gardner
Staff/102	Avista Response to Staff Data Request No. 152.
Staff/200-201	Opening Testimony of Heather B. Cohen
Staff/202	Avista Response to Staff Data Requests
Staff/203	Oregon Economic & Revenue Forecast, June 2020, All Urban Consumer Price Index
Staff/300-301	Opening Testimony of Bret Farrell
Staff/302	Workpaper Showing Adjustment Calculations for O&M
Staff/303	Workpaper Showing Adjustment Calculations for A&G
Staff/304	Workpaper Showing Adjustment Calculations for Atmospheric Testing
Staff/305	Workpaper Showing Adjustment Calculations for Rate Case Expense
Staff/306	No Adjustment Summary
Staff/307	Avista Response to Staff Data Request No. 215
Staff/400-401	Opening Testimony of John L. Fox
Staff/402	Compare UG 366 and UG 389 Forecasted Plant Additions
Staff/403	Avista Response to Staff Data Requests
Staff/500-501	Opening Testimony of Brian Fjeldheim
Staff/502	Gas Storage in Rate Base – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests
Staff/503	Gas Storage Operating Expense – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests
Staff/504	Other Gas Supply Expense and Purchased Gas Expense – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests
Staff/505	IT Projects – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests
Staff/506	Other Taxes – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests

Staff/507	Insurance and Risks – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests - <i>Confidential</i>
Staff/508	D&O Insurance – Associated Avista workpaper and Responses to Staff Data Requests - <i>Confidential</i>
Staff/600-601	Opening Testimony of Scott Gibbens
Staff/700-701	Opening Testimony of Kathy Zarate
Staff/702	Avista Response to Staff Data Request Nos. 186, 187
Staff/703	Avista Response to Staff Data Request No. 181
Staff/704	Avista Response to Staff Data Request No. 189
Staff/800-801	Opening Testimony of Sabrina Soldavini
Staff/802	Avista Response to Staff Data Requests
Staff/803	NARUC Cost Allocation Guidelines
Staff/804	Avista Rule 20
Staff/900-901	Opening Testimony of Ming Peng
Staff/902	Avista Response to Staff Data Request Nos. 122-132
Staff/1000-1001	Opening Testimony of Paul Rossow
Staff/1002	Adjustment Summary - <i>Confidential</i>
Staff/1100-1101	Opening Testimony of Max St. Brown
Staff/1102	LRIC-influenced development of Staff's Recommended Rate Spread
Staff/1200-1201	Opening Testimony of Mitchell Moore
Staff/1202	Avista Response to Staff Data Request No. 269
Staff/1300	Testimony in Support of Partial Settlement of Matt Muldoon, Moya Enright, and Curtis Dlouhy
Staff/1301	Witness Qualification Statement of Matt Muldoon
Staff/1302	Witness Qualification Statement of Moya Enright
Staff/1303	Witness Qualification Statement of Curtis Dlouhy
Staff/1304	Capital Structure - <i>Confidential</i>
Staff/1305	Cost of LT Debt Tables and Maturity Profile - <i>Confidential</i>
Staff/1306	ROE Peer Screening
Staff/1307	Long-run Growth Rates
Staff/1308	BEA Historic GDP Growth
Staff/1309	TIPS Implied Inflation Expectations

CUB:

Testimony and Exhibits	Witnesses or Other Sources
CUB/100-103	Opening Testimony and Exhibits of William Gehrke

AWEC:

Testimony and Exhibits	Witnesses or Other Sources
AWEC/100-101	Opening Testimony of Bradley G. Mullins
AWEC/102	Revenue Requirement Summary
AWEC/103	Miscellaneous Non-Labor O&M Expense Adjustment
AWEC/104	Proposed Rate Spread (with Customer Impact Offset)
AWEC/105	Avista Responses to Data Requests
Joint Testimony/100	Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/101	Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/200	Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/201	Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/300	Bradley G. Mullins
Joint Testimony/301	Bradley G. Mullins

RULING

I find that the testimony and exhibits offered by the parties meet the standards for relevance as required by OAR 860-001-0450(1) and satisfy the requirements of OAR 860-001-0480. The Second Partial Settlement Stipulation, the Third Partial Settlement Stipulation, and the above-noted testimony and exhibits, along with supporting affidavits and declarations, are admitted into the evidentiary record.

The evidentiary record is closed.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge