

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: January 14, 2021
TO: John Crider
FROM: Heather Cohen, Curtis Dlouhy, John Fox, Scott Gibbens, and Michelle Scala
SUBJECT: Verification of Avista Utilities (Avsta) Tariff Rates Effective January 16, 2021.
Compliance Filing Advice No. 20-14-G.

In Order No. 20-468 (the Order) entered December 10, 2020, in Docket No. UG 389, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) adopted a number of revenue requirement and rate spread/rate design stipulations. As a result of UG 389, the Company's revenue requirement is set to increase by \$3.906 million or 3.9% on a billed revenue basis. In response to the orders, Avista submitted its Compliance Filing Advice No. 20-14-G on January 11, 2021, and filed replacement sheets for Schedules 425 and 439 on January 13, 2021, following direction from Staff.

Staff has reviewed the advice filing and finds it is in compliance with the Commission's orders. The checks and analytic tasks required to affirm the accuracy of rates included the following:

- Confirm that the revenue target is correctly calculated in the Company's revenue requirement workpapers based on the Commission directed amounts found on page 1 of the Order and the adjusted on page 2 and 3 of Advice No. 20-14-G due to project cost downward adjustments.
- Confirm from the Rate Spread and Design spreadsheet that the proposed tariff prices produce revenue increases that match what are proposed for base rate Schedules according to page 8 and 9 of the Order and appropriately updated due to downward adjustments.
- Confirm the calculation of rate spread for base schedules as found on page 8 of the Order, is properly reflected in the Company's Rate Spread and Design workpaper and resulting Tariff sheets.
- Confirm that the tariff sheets are properly updated with the rates present in the Rate Spread and Design worksheet, advice number, revision number, date, and any other appropriate language changes.

Staff verified that the specific impacts authorized by the Order will be achieved by the changed tariff pages as filed.

Staff utilized the provided workpapers and discussions with the Company to verify the accuracy of the tariffs and found only one minor issue.¹ Staff finds that the filed tariff sheets will produce rates which are fair, just, reasonable, and conform to the Commission's orders. As such, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets and allow them to go into effect on January 16, 2021.

¹ Schedule 425 and 439 did not reflect the Commission's direction that only ten customers be allowed to enroll in these schedules. The Company filed replacement sheets to reflect the Commission's Order.