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RE: Advice No. 20-14-G

The tariff sheets in your January 11, 2021 compliance filing as supplemented by your January 13, 2021 supplemental filing, docketed in UG 389, Advice No. 20-14-G, are accepted in compliance with Order No. 20-468. Attached is a receipted copy of the sheets in your compliance filing for your records.

*/s/ Nolan Moser*

Nolan Moser

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

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AVISTA CORPORATION  
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SCHEDULE 410

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to residential natural gas service for all purposes.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$10.50**

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.67642

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OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 493 – Low Income Rate Assistance Program, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

(N)  
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MINIMUM CHARGE:

The Customer Charge constitutes the Minimum Charge.

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SCHEDULE 420  
GENERAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to commercial and small industrial natural gas service for all purposes.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$17.00**

Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.63115

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OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

(N)  
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Minimum Charge:

The Customer Charge constitutes the Minimum Charge.

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SCHEDULE 424

LARGE GENERAL AND INDUSTRIAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to large commercial and industrial use customers where at least 75% of the natural gas requirements are for uses other than space heating and where adequate capacity exists in the Company's system. Customers served under this schedule must use a minimum of 29,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$55.00**

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.13832

(R)

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

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MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall consist of the Monthly Customer Charge.

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SCHEDULE 425

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS  
FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable for the transportation of customer-owned natural gas to large commercial and industrial use customers where at least 75% of the natural gas requirements are for uses other than space heating and where adequate capacity exists in the Company's system, subject to the limitations found in Order 20-468. Customers served under this schedule must use a minimum of 29,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

	Per Meter <u>Per Month</u>
<b>Customer Charge:</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
Commodity Charge Per Therm:	
Base Rate	\$0.13832

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall consist of the Monthly Customer Charge.

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SCHEDULE 425 (continued)

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS FOR LARGE  
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE - OREGON

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The above Commodity Charge Per Therm is subject to the provisions of "Other Charges" listed above.
2. Service hereunder shall be provided subject to execution of a contract between the Customer and the Company for a term of not less than one year. The contract shall also specify the maximum daily volume of natural gas to be transported.
3. Service under this schedule is not available to any Customer who has requested protection from curtailment. A Customer receiving service under this schedule may only obtain protection from curtailment by requesting transfer to the appropriate firm rate schedule of the Company, for the minimum term specified therein.
4. Service under this schedule shall be subject to the terms and conditions described in the Company's Rule 14, Plan for Natural Gas Service Curtailment, and Rule 21, Natural Gas Transportation Terms and Conditions.

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SCHEDULE 439

INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS  
FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable for the transportation of customer-owned natural gas, subject to interruptions in capacity and supply, for large commercial and industrial use where capacity in excess of the existing requirements of firm sales and transportation customers exists in the Company's system, subject to the limitations found in Order 20-468. Customers served under this schedule must use a minimum of 50,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

**Customer Charge:**

Per Meter  
Per Month  
**\$75.00**

Commodity Charge Per Therm:  
Base Rate

\$0.11468

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

ANNUAL MINIMUM CHARGE:

Each Customer shall be subject to an Annual Minimum Charge if their gas usage during the prior year does not equal or exceed 50,000 therms. Such Annual Minimum Charge shall be determined by subtracting their actual usage for a twelve-month period from 50,000 therms multiplied by 11.468 cents per therm.

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SCHEDULE 439 (continued)

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FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE - OREGON

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The above Commodity Charge Per Therm is subject to the provisions of "Other Charges" listed above.
2. Service hereunder shall be provided subject to execution of a contract between the Customer and the Company for a term of not less than one year. The contract shall also specify the maximum daily volume of gas to be transported.
3. Service under this schedule is not available to any Customer who has requested protection from curtailment. A Customer receiving service under this schedule may only obtain protection from curtailment by requesting transfer to the appropriate firm rate schedule of the Company, for the minimum term specified therein.
4. Service under this schedule shall be subject to the terms and conditions described in the Company's Rule 21, Natural Gas Transportation Terms and Conditions.
5. Service under this schedule shall be subject to interruption at such times and in such amounts as, in the Company's judgment, interruption is necessary. Avista will not be liable for damages occasioned by interruption of service supplied under this schedule. In addition, service under this schedule shall be subject to Curtailment conditions in accordance with the Company's Rule 14, "Plan for Natural Gas Service Curtailment."
6. Avista recommends that the Customer, at their expense, provide and maintain standby facilities to continue operations with a substitute fuel in the event of partial Curtailment or total interruption of the natural gas supply. In the event that the Customer does not have adequate standby facilities, Avista will not be liable for damages occasioned by the curtailment or interruption of service supplied under this schedule.

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SCHEDULE 439 (continued)

7. Upon the request of Avista, Customer shall read the Company's meter at the beginning of each day and report said reading to Avista daily; further, Customer shall from time to time submit estimates of its daily, monthly and annual volumes of natural gas required hereunder, including peak day requirements, together with such other operating data as Avista may require in order to schedule its operations and to meet its system requirements.

8. Customers served under this schedule who desire to change rate schedules must provide written notice to the Company at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the desired schedule change. At the Company's sole discretion, it may grant a Customer's request to transfer to a firm sales service schedule with less than ninety (90) days' notice. The availability for a Customer to change to a firm sales service schedule will be based on Avista's sole judgement that the existing distribution system has capacity adequate for the service requested by Customer. In the event that there is no availability for the Customer to change to a firm sales service schedule on their desired date due to capacity or natural gas supply constraints, Avista will provide an estimated date for when the Customer is able to change schedules.

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SCHEDULE 440

INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE  
FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable, subject to interruptions in capacity and supply, for large commercial and industrial use where capacity in excess of the existing requirements of firm sales and transportation customers exists in the Company's system. Customers served under this schedule must use a minimum of 50,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$75.00**

(N)

Commodity Charge Per Therm:  
Base Rate

\$0.11468

(R)

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

(N)

(N)

ANNUAL MINIMUM CHARGE:

Each Customer shall be subject to an Annual Minimum Charge if their gas usage during the prior year does not equal or exceed 50,000 therms. Such Annual Minimum Charge shall be determined by subtracting their actual usage for a twelve-month period from 50,000 therms multiplied by 11.468 cents per therm.

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SCHEDULE 444

SEASONAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable for natural gas service to customers whose entire natural gas requirements for any calendar year are supplied during the period from and after March 1, and continuing through November 30, of each year.

Service under this schedule is not available to any "essential agricultural user" or "high priority user" (as defined in section 281.203(a), Title 18, Code of Federal Regulations), who has requested protection from curtailment, as contemplated by Section 401 of the NGPA (Public Law 95-261). An "essential agricultural" or "high-priority" user receiving service under this schedule can obtain protection from curtailment by requesting transfer to the appropriate firm rate schedule of the Company.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

Commodity Charge Per Therm:  
Base Rate

\$0.17241

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OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

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MINIMUM CHARGE:

\$5,840.04 of base revenue per season.

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SCHEDULE 456

INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS  
FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable, subject to interruptions in capacity and supply, for the transportation of customer-owned natural gas for large commercial and industrial use where capacity in excess of the existing requirements of firm sales and transportation customers exists in the Company's system. Customers served under this schedule must transport over the Company's system a minimum of 225,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$300.00**

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Volumetric Charge Per Therm:

First 10,000

\$0.15890

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Next 20,000

\$0.09563

(I)

Next 20,000

\$0.07860

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Next 200,000

\$0.06152

(I)

All Additional

\$0.03121

(I)

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

(N)

(N)

MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$2,725.78 per month, accumulative annually. The minimum is based on 18,750 therms per month (225,000 therms annually), plus the monthly customer charge. The minimum charge is based on base revenues only.

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**SCHEDULE 475  
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, 425, 439, 440, and 444. This Schedule does not apply to Schedule 447 (Special Contract Natural Gas Service) or Schedule 456 (Interruptible Transportation Service For Customer-Owned Gas). Applicable Customers will be segregated into two (2) distinct Rate Groups:

Group 1 – Schedule 410

Group 2 – Schedules 420, 424, 425, 439, 440 and 444

(N)

(N)

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Group 1 – (\$0.00573) per therm

Group 2 – (\$0.03468) 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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