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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
201 High St SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: UG 461 – Avista Corporation’s Request for General Rate Revision

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules, Avista Corp., dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), respectfully submits 12 copies of the Company’s trial brief, testimony and associated exhibits in support of its request for a general rate revision associated with the Company’s Tariff P.U.C OR. No. 5. Also enclosed with this filing is a Motion for Protective Order. The Company is requesting the proposed revisions to the following enclosed tariff sheets:

Twenty-Fourth Revision Sheet 410	Canceling	Twenty-Third Revision Sheet 410
Twenty-Third Revision Sheet 420	Canceling	Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 420
Twenty-First Revision Sheet 424	Canceling	Twentieth Revision Sheet 424
Second Revision Sheet 425	Canceling	First Revision Sheet 425
Second Revision Sheet 439	Canceling	First Revision Sheet 439
Twenty-First Revision Sheet 440	Canceling	Twentieth Revision Sheet 440
Twenty-Second Revision Sheet 444	Canceling	Twenty-First Revision Sheet 444
Twentieth Revision Sheet 456	Canceling	Nineteenth Revision Sheet 456

Please note that Exhibit 401 of Kevin Holland and Exhibit 702 of John Spanos are being provided in electronic format only due to the voluminous nature of the exhibit. Avista’s CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit Nos. 202 and 203 are being provided under a sealed separate envelope, marked CONFIDENTIAL. Additionally, electronic copies of supporting work papers have also been included with this filing.

Copies of the Company’s responses to the Standard Data Requests are being posted to the Huddle site. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Paul Kimball at (509) 495-4584.

Sincerely,

/s/ David J. Meyer

David J. Meyer
Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs

Enclosure

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

DOCKET NO. UG-461

JOSEPH D. MILLER
Exhibit No. 1002

Proposed Tariff Sheets

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:

\$12.00

(I)

Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.79559

(I)

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 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, Schedule 493 – Low Income Rate Assistance Program, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

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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:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
Customer Charge:	\$19.00	(I)
Commodity Charge Per Therm:		
Base Rate	\$0.76534	(I)

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 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, and any other charges approved by the Commission. (D)

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:	\$60.00	(I)
Commodity Charge Per Therm: Base Rate	\$0.15148	(I)

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 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, 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:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
Customer Charge:	\$60.00	(I)
Commodity Charge Per Therm: Base Rate	\$0.15148	(I)

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, 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 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:

	Per Meter Per Month
Customer Charge:	\$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 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

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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 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:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Customer Charge:	\$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 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, and any other charges approved by the Commission.

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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

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 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, 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:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
Customer Charge:	\$325.00	(I)
Volumetric Charge Per Therm:		
First 10,000	\$0.17023	(I)
Next 20,000	\$0.10245	(I)
Next 20,000	\$0.08421	(I)
Next 200,000	\$0.06591	(I)
All Additional	\$0.03344	(I)

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, and any other charges approved by the Commission. (D)

MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$2,923.80 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 (I)

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