

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**

In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities)	DOCKET UM-2277
Requesting Authority to Revise its Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates and Deferred Accounting)	REPLY OF AVISTA CORPORATION
_____)	

1 On March 16, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Sarah Spruce issued a “Memorandum Regarding Proposed Schedule” seeking clarification from Avista, specifically, regarding “whether the proposed schedule was intended to change the effective dates requested in the initial filing”, and “whether it still seeks separate effective dates for the allocated plant depreciation and direct plant depreciation rates.”¹

2 Avista appreciates the opportunity to clarify. Avista understands the Parties need for due process, as well as the time needed for the review of the Company’s application, including a proposed procedural schedule culminating with a Commission Decision by September 15, 2023 and an effective date of January 1, 2024. While Avista had previously requested in its initial filing an effective date of August 31, 2023 for common plant (to coincide with Avista’s other jurisdictions), Avista accepts this change to January 1, 2024. Avista will work with each of its jurisdictions to accomplish a common effective date for common plant of January 1, 2024.

¹ Memorandum ¶1.

3 Dated at Spokane, Washington this 20th day of March 2023.

AVISTA CORPORATION

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