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**Advice No. 23-04-G/ UG-469 (Intervenor Funding)**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
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Attention: Filing Center

Pursuant to Docket UM 1356, ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259(5), Avista Utilities hereby electronically submits the following tariff revision applicable to its Oregon natural gas operations along with a copy of its supporting workpapers.

**Intervenor Funding Grants – Oregon**

**Fourteenth Revision Sheet 476      Canceling      Thirteenth Revision Sheet 476**

Fourteenth Revision Sheet 476 updates the Company’s Intervenor Funding amortization rates currently in effect pursuant to Section 7.9 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement previously adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 22-506 and Section IV of the Interim Funding Agreement (HB2475) previously adopted by the Commission in Order No. 22-043.

The Company is requesting an increase in overall retail revenues of approximately \$48 thousand, or 0.03%, effective on November 1, 2023. The current amortization rates and the proposed changes, both inclusive of the gross revenue factor, are as follows:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Current Amortization Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Change</u>	<u>Updated Tariff Rate</u>
410	\$0.00113	\$0.00037	\$0.00150
439/440	\$0.00030	\$0.00065	\$0.00095
456	\$0.00030	\$0.00065	\$0.00095

In Order No. 22-396 in Docket No. UM 1356(15), the Commission approved Avista’s request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding grants for the period November 2022 through October 2023. Avista made that filing under ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4). This filing is in compliance with ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259, which authorizes deferred utility expenses or revenues to be allowed (amortized) in rates to the extent authorized by the Commission in a proceeding to change rates. All of the deferrals included in this filing occurred with appropriate application by Commission authorization, as rate orders or under approved tariffs.

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(5-7) and OAR 860-027-0300(9), the overall annual average rate impact of the amortizations authorized under the statutes may not exceed three percent of the natural gas utility’s gross revenues for the preceding calendar year, unless the Commission finds that allowing a higher amortization rate is reasonable under the circumstances. However, per ORS 757.259(4), Intervenor Funding is excluded from the three percent test.

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by this filing, the annual revenue before and after the impact of the rate change, and the average monthly use and resulting bills under existing and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>
Schedule 410	95,451
Schedule 439	0
Schedule 440	42
Schedule 456	31

Sch No	Description	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Monthly Use (Therms)	Present Monthly Cost	Proposed Monthly Cost	Monthly Change	Proposed Change to Monthly Cost
410	Residential	\$88,443,720	\$88,463,701	19,981	0.02%	47	\$ 77.01	\$ 77.02	\$ 0.01	0.01%
439/440	Interruptible	\$ 8,892,374	\$ 8,901,603	9,229	0.10%	28,009	\$ 17,464.17	\$ 17,482.38	\$ 18.21	0.10%
456	Int. Transportation	\$ 2,526,247	\$ 2,544,988	18,741	0.74%	77,504	\$ 210,520.58	\$ 212,082.33	\$ 1,561.75	0.74%

After combining the impact of this filing with the other regulatory filings and the expiration of adder Schedule 467 (COVID Deferred Costs), which also have a November 1, 2023 effective date<sup>1</sup>, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms a month could expect their bill to decrease by \$11.25, or 14.6 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$65.76 effective November 1, 2023.

The Company will provide notice to customers via a newspaper advertisement both now and following the updated PGA filing in mid-September.

<sup>1</sup> On July 31, 2023, Avista filed to update effective November 1, 2023 Schedules 461 Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment and 462 Gas Cost Rate Adjustment (Advice No. 23-02-G), Schedule 475 Decoupling (Advice No. 23-03-G), Schedule 476 Intervenor Funding (Advice No. 23-04-G), Schedule 482 Regulatory Fee Amortization (Advice No. 23-05-G), and Schedule 493 LIRAP (Advice No. 23-06-G). Additionally, Schedule 467 COVID Deferred Costs will expire effective November 1, 2023. The net effect of all filings, and the expiration of Schedule 467, is a revenue decrease of approximately \$24 million or 16.5%.



Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2346 or [marcus.garbarino@avistacorp.com](mailto:marcus.garbarino@avistacorp.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Joe Miller*

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**Tariff Sheet**

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AVISTA CORPORATION  
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 476

INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS - OREGON

APPLICABLE:

Adjustments under this schedule are applicable to all bills calculated under all schedules of this Tariff.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants provided to various entities to cover their costs of advocating on behalf of customers. The awarding of such grants is governed by Section 7.9 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding agreement adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in Order No. 22-506 and Section IV of the Interim Funding Agreement (HB2475) adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in Order No. 22-043.

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MONTHLY RATE:

The Commodity Charge per therm of the individual rate schedules are to be adjusted by the following amounts:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Schedule 410	\$0.00150 per Therm
Schedule 439	\$0.00095 per Therm
Schedule 440	\$0.00095 per Therm
Schedule 456	\$0.00095 per Therm

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

This schedule is subject to the General Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff and to those prescribed by regulatory authorities.

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Effective For Service On & After  
November 1, 2023

Issued by Avista Utilities  
By

Patrick Ehrbar, Director of Regulatory Affairs

