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Docket No: UI	M 1497
HE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TTA UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER UTHORIZING DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN IS RELATED TO PURCHASED GAS COS ERENCES) APPLICATION) FOR REAUTHORIZATION) OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL TS) ACCOUNTS)
Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities ('	"Avista" or "Company"), pursuant to ORS
59 and OAR 860-027-0300(4), applies to	the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
nmission") for an order reauthorizing it to u	tilize deferred accounting for Purchased Gas
differences. Avista respectfully requests	that the reauthorization become effective
mber 1, 2022.	
In support of this Application, the Company	states:
Avista provides natural gas service in southwe	estern and northeastern Oregon and is a public
subject to the Commission's jurisdiction und	der ORS 757.005(1)(a)(A).
Avista requests that all notices, pleadings an	nd correspondence regarding this Application
nt to the following:	
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This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which empowers the Commission to authorize the deferral of expenses or revenues of a public utility for later incorporation into rates.

BACKGROUND

Deferral of Purchased Gas Cost differences was previously authorized, effective November 1, 2021, by Order No. 22-285 dated July 28, 2022.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES

Currently, the Company accumulates Purchased Gas Cost differences in two sub-accounts of FERC account number 191, namely account number 191909 and account number 191910. Account number 191909 is used to record the commodity portion of Purchased Gas Cost differences and account number 191910 is used to record the demand portion. After the Commission determines these costs were prudently incurred, these differences are included in the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) filing for refund or surcharge to customers.

Due to the volatility of the price of natural gas purchased and transported for customer use, the associated costs are difficult to establish with any degree of certainty. This volatility makes the use of deferred accounting extremely important. It is appropriate that deferred accounting be reauthorized for the Purchased Gas Cost differences for the same reasons that originally established the PGA mechanism. Namely, deferred accounting minimizes both the frequency of rate changes and the fluctuation of rate levels pursuant to subsection (2)(C) of ORS 757.259.

PROPOSED ACCOUNTING

The commodity portion of Purchased Gas Cost differences includes the actual cost of purchasing natural gas, the variable cost of transporting the natural gas from the supply basins to the citygate, the benefits received from storage optimization, off-system sales and other miscellaneous costs or benefits. These costs are compared with the actual commodity costs collected from customers, with 90% of the difference recorded monthly to account number 191909.

The demand portion of the Purchased Gas Cost differences includes fixed pipeline costs, capacity releases and miscellaneous pipeline related refunds or surcharges. These costs are compared with the actual demand costs collected from customers and the difference is recorded monthly to account number 191910. Interest is calculated on the average net balance and included in the deferral accounts.

CURRENT DEFERRAL AND AMORTIZATION BALANCES

As of June 30, 2022, the outstanding balances for the Purchased Gas Cost deferral and amortization accounts are:

Account 191909, Commodity Deferrals	\$3,895,870
Account 191910, Demand Deferrals	\$950,986
Account 191911, Prior Commodity Amortization	\$162,934
Account 191912, Prior Demand Amortization	(\$16,971)
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Total	\$4,992,819

Avista seeks with this application to receive reauthorization of the use of sub-accounts of FERC Account No. 191 to account for the Company's Purchased Gas Cost differences for the 12-month period, November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. This Application will have no effect on Company revenue or customer rates.

1	WHEREFORE, Avista respectfully requests that the Commission reauthorize the
2	Company to defer the costs described in this Application.
3	DATED this 29 th day of July 2022.
4	Respectfully submitted,
5	Avista Corporation
6	By:
7	Ву:
8	Patrick D. Ehrbar
9	Director of Regulatory Affairs



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL ACCOUNTS

July 29, 2022

To All Parties Who Participated in UG 433:

Please be advised that on July 29, 2022, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "Company"), applied to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing the Company to utilize deferred accounting for Purchased Gas Cost differences. This filing has been made pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4).

This Notice is being sent to all parties that participated in Avista's most recent general rate case, Docket No. UG 433, to inform them that an Application for Reauthorization has been filed. Parties wanting more information or who wish to obtain a copy of the filing can access the Application on the Commission website, or by contacting either of the following:

Avista Utilities Attn: Patrick Ehrbar P.O. Box 3727 1411 E. Mission, MSC-27 Spokane, WA 99220-3727 (509) 495-8620 Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 PO Box 1088 Salem, OR 97301-1088 (509) 373-0886

Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on this matter by August 31, 2022. Approval of Avista's Application will not authorize a change in the Company's rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

DATED this 29th day of July 2022

By: _____/s/David Meyer

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



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this day, July 29, 2022, served by electronic mail the foregoing Notice of Application for Reauthorization of Certain Deferral Accounts, related to the deferral of Purchased Gas Cost differences, to all parties of record for Avista's most recent general rate case, Docket No. UG 433, as indicated below:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 29th day of July 2022.

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