

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba
AVISTA UTILITIES

BENCH REQUEST

Request for a General Rate Revision.

The following questions are intended to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the changes to the company's rates occurring throughout the year, and to obtain more detail regarding the effects of the amortizations and adjustment mechanisms outside of base rates, including the status of the company's current authorized and requested deferrals and amortizations. Any requests for overall rate impact in percentage and dollar terms should be expressed as an impact on the total bill (*i.e.*, base plus commodity). Any workpapers must be provided in excel format with formulas intact.

- 1-1. Please identify all proposed and currently effective automatic adjustment clauses (AAC), amortizations, or other rate adjustments. For each, please identify any regular filing date and rate effective dates for changes/updates.
- 1-2. Please identify the overall proposed increase, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms that would result from approval of the rate elements proposed in this docket, inclusive of any AACs, amortizations, or other rate adjustments, both with and without cost of natural gas. Include in this response a breakdown identifying each separate element (*i.e.*, AAC, amortization, or other rate adjustment) proposed to change on January 1, 2024, change associated with each such rate element (expressed both in dollar and percentage terms), and the estimated bill impact on an average residential customer.
- 1-3. Please identify any other requests or applications not identified in the response to request 1-1 that could result in a rate adjustment during the test year. For any such requests, provide the overall rate impact, expressed both in dollar and percentage terms, both with and without the cost of natural gas, that would result from approval of the company's request in that docket as well as the requested effective date of any associated rate adjustment. Include as part of this response the estimated bill impact on an average residential customer.

- 1-4. Please provide a comprehensive list of all current authorized and requested deferrals. For each deferral, indicate the dates for: (a) the initial request (but if filed annually on a continual long-term basis, then provide the date of the most recent request only), (b) any renewal requests, (c) any Commission authorizations, (d) amounts deferred by year, (e) current deferral balance, and (f) any anticipated renewal requests. This response should also include the estimated bill impact on an average residential customer.
- 1-5. For any authorized deferrals not yet subject to amortization, please provide the current deferred balance, confirm when the company anticipates that total deferred costs will be known, and indicate when the company anticipates requesting amortization. Additionally, for each authorized deferral not yet subject to amortization, confirm whether the company proposes amortization in this proceeding, and explain why or why not.

The company is directed to file responses by 3:00 p.m. on May 22, 2023. The parties may file replies by 3:00 p.m. on June 5, 2023.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge