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Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
550 Capitol St. N.E. Suite 215  
Salem, OR 97301-2551

**RE: Advice 19-02-G/UG-366 – Avista Corporation’s Request for General Rate Revision**

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules, Avista Corp., dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), respectfully submits an original and 19 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-First Revision Sheet 410 | Canceling | Nineteenth Revision Sheet 410  |
| Twentieth Revision Sheet 420    | Canceling | Eighteenth Revision Sheet 420  |
| Eighteenth Revision Sheet 424   | Canceling | Seventeenth Revision Sheet 424 |
| Eighteenth Revision Sheet 440   | Canceling | Seventeenth Revision Sheet 440 |
| Nineteenth Revision Sheet 444   | Canceling | Eighteenth Revision Sheet 444  |
| Seventeenth Revision Sheet 456  | Canceling | Sixteenth Revision Sheet 456   |
| First Revision Sheet 495        | Canceling | Original Sheet 495             |

Please note that Exhibit 401 of Jody Morehouse is being provided in electronic format only due to the voluminous nature of the exhibit. Avista’s CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit Nos. 202 and 204 are being provided under a sealed separate envelope, marked CONFIDENTIAL. Additionally, three (3) copies of supporting work papers have also been included with this filing.

Copies of the Company’s responses to the Standard Data Requests along with Staff DR’s 122 and 123 are being posted to the Huddle site. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Jennifer Smith at (509) 495-2098.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

DOCKET NO. UG-366

JOSEPH D. MILLER  
**Exhibit No. 702**

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**Proposed Natural Gas Service Tariffs**

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**

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.63339

(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 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery, and Schedule 493 – Low Income Rate Assistance Program.

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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:**

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$20.00**

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:

Base Rate

\$0.59750

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**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 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, and Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery.

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**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**

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:  
Base Rate

\$0.15197

(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 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, and Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery.

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MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall consist of the Monthly Customer Charge.

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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><br><u>Per Month</u> |     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Commodity Charge Per Therm: |                                      |     |
| Base Rate                   | \$0.12857                            | (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 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, and Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account.

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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 12.857 cents per therm.

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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:

|                             | <u>Per Meter</u><br><u>Per Month</u> |     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Commodity Charge Per Therm: |                                      |     |
| Base Rate                   | \$0.18930                            | (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 474 –  
 Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 475 – Decoupling  
 Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual  
 Deferral Account, and Schedule 478 – DSM Cost Recovery.

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MINIMUM CHARGE:

\$6,412.16 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:

Per Meter  
Per Month

**Customer Charge:**

**\$325.00**

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Volumetric Charge Per Therm:

|                |           |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| First 10,000   | \$0.16480 | (I) |
| Next 20,000    | \$0.09918 | (I) |
| Next 20,000    | \$0.08152 | (I) |
| Next 200,000   | \$0.06380 | (I) |
| All Additional | \$0.03237 | (I) |

OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 474 – Temporary Federal Income Tax Rate Credit, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, and Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account.

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MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$2,840.75 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.

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**SCHEDULE 495  
CAPITAL PROJECT COSTS - OREGON**

**APPLICABLE:**

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

**PURPOSE:**

To adjust natural gas rates for the Recovery of Capital Costs, effective November 1, 2017, pursuant to pp. 8 – 9 in Order No. 17-344 in Docket No. UG-325.

**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         | \$0.00000   |
| Schedule 420         | \$0.00000   |

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**TERM:**

The energy charges will be recovered under this schedule until such time as the recovery of the associated capital costs are included in base rates.

**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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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have this day served Direct Testimony and Exhibits in the Oregon Natural Gas General Rate Case Filing of Avista Utilities, a division of Avista Corporation, (Advice 19-02-G/UG-366) upon the parties listed below by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid and/or by electronic mail.

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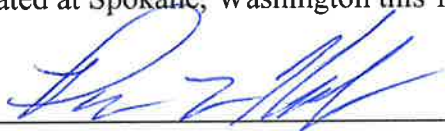
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

  
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