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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
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Re: Docket No. UG 471/Advice No. 23-06-G – Supplemental Tariff Filing

Filing Center:

On July 31, 2023, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), filed revisions to its natural gas Tariff Schedule 493, “Residential Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) – Oregon”, to match future Schedule 493 revenues with the current and forecasted expenditures needed to support LIRAP, and to incorporate the amortization of the Company’s costs deferred pursuant to Docket No. UM 2232. After subsequent conversations with Commission Staff, Avista has agreed that interest on its LIRAP deferral account will accrue at the Modified Blended Treasury (MBT) rather than at the Company’s currently authorized rate of return, as requested within the initial filing. To integrate this modification, Avista hereby requests to supplement the below tariff sheet, P.U.C OR No. 5, for inclusion in its tariff revisions, requested effective November 1, 2023:

Supplemental Fifth Revision Sheet 493A Canceling Supplemental Fourth Revision Sheet 493A

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509) 495-7839 or jaime.majure@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jaime Majure

Jaime Majure
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AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 493

RESIDENTIAL LOW-INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP) –
OREGON

LIRAP COMPONENTS:

The following energy assistance options may be available for each household within the income range provided:

Income Range	Bill Discount	Arrearage Assistance
Zero to 5% SMI	90%	Arrearage Forgiveness
6 to 20% SMI	60%	
21 to 40% SMI	25%	Arrearage Management Program (AMP)
41 to 60% SMI	15%	

- Bill Discount – the Bill Discount will be applied to a participating customer’s monthly net bill, the amount of which is determined by the customer’s income range.
- Arrearage Management Program (AMP) – reduces customer arrearages owed over a 12-month period by providing an incentive for on-time, regular payment of their current bill plus a portion of the past due balance, for a maximum award of \$1,000.
- Arrearage Forgiveness – provides arrearage forgiveness for customers with incomes at or below 20% SMI, for a maximum award of \$1,000.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Each month, the Company will bill and collect low-income energy assistance funds from all retail sales customers. By the 20th of the month following the billing month, the Company will remit payment to each Agency for allowed administrative and program delivery costs.
2. The Company will compute interest each month based on the average monthly fund balance undistributed at the current Modified Blended Treasury (MBT) rate.
3. The Company is responsible for program administration and funds distribution to qualifying local Agencies in accordance with terms and conditions (“Guidelines”) established by the Company and the entity. All funds collected under this program, less program administration and

(M) material transferred to First Revision Sheet 493B

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By

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