

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UG 461

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA  
UTILITIESRequest for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO AMEND ORDER NO. 23-384 GRANTED

**I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

On October 26, 2023, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon entered an order adopting the first partial stipulation and the second stipulation settling all issues in the request for a general rate revision filed by Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities. The first partial stipulation was between Avista, Staff of the Public Utility Commission, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), and the second stipulation was between Avista, Staff, AWEC, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), and the Sierra Club and Climate Solutions intervening jointly.

On April 19, 2025, Avista filed a motion to amend Order No. 23-384 and substitute a revised Attachment B to the second stipulation, attached to Order No. 23-384 as Appendix B. Avista states that it conducted an internal analysis of the deferral balances and discovered a scrivener's error on the first page of the Decoupling Base approved in this docket. Avista states that it inadvertently included an incorrect amount for the Residential Schedule 410—\$11.75 rather than \$11.25, as set forth in Attachment A to the second stipulation.<sup>1</sup> Avista requests that the Commission adopt the corrected Attachment B, which revises page 1 to reflect the \$11.25 per month basic charge (line 5, column "Residential Schedule 410") and page 2 to reflect a Decoupled Revenue Per Customer of \$430.85 per year rather than \$424.85.<sup>2</sup> Avista also requests that the Commission revise page 9 of Order No. 23-384 to change the decoupled revenue per customer from \$424.85 to \$430.85 to align with the corrected Attachment B. Avista maintains that upon correction of this error, the company will revise its accounting records back to the effective date of Order No. 23-384 to reflect the correct decoupling deferred revenue, which will ultimately be accounted for in its next Schedule 475 Decoupling tariff filing to be made on or before July 31, 2025. Avista states that it contacted the parties to this

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 23-384, Appendix B at 23 (Oct. 26, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> See Order No. 23-384, Appendix B at 25-26.

docket to inform them of this error and that the parties do not oppose the company's corrections.

## II. DISCUSSION

After reviewing Avista's motion and the corrected Attachment B, we grant Avista's motion to amend Order No. 23-384. The requested amendments correct an error in the second stipulation adopted in Order No. 23-384, and corresponding corrections within that order. No party opposes Avista's proposed corrections. Order No. 23-384 and Attachment B to the second stipulation, attached to Order No. 23-384 as Appendix B, is amended consistent with Avista's motion.

## III. ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

1. Appendix B to Order No. 23-384 is amended to replace pages 25 and 26 with the corrected pages discussed in this order and attached to this order as Appendix B.
2. The language in Order No. 24-384 on page 9 referring to the decoupled revenue per customer is amended to read: "The second stipulation provides that the decoupled revenue per customers is \$430.85 for residential customers and \$1,959.10 for non-residential customers."

Made, entered, and effective May 23 2025.



**Letha Tawney**  
Commissioner



**Les Perkins**  
Commissioner



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

**Avista Utilities**  
**Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism (Oregon)**  
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		TOTAL	RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE 410	SM COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SCH. 420	LG COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SCH. 424/425	INTERRUPTIBLE SCH 439/440	SEASONAL SCH 444	TRANSPORTATION SCH 456/447
1 Total Normalized 12ME 08.2023 Margin Revenue	\$	76,075,000	\$ 49,456,000	\$ 21,405,000	\$ 714,000	\$ 2,067,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 2,398,000
2 Settlement Margin Revenue Increase	\$	7,160,000	\$ 4,655,000	\$ 2,458,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
3 Total Delivery Revenue (12ME 08.2023 Test Year) (Ln 1 + Ln 2)	\$	83,235,000	\$ 54,111,000	\$ 23,863,000	\$ 721,000	\$ 2,086,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 2,419,000
4 Customer Bills (12ME 08.2023 Test Year)		1,294,015	1,147,534	144,348	1,196	522	31	384
5 Proposed Basic Charges			\$11.25	\$19.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
6 Basic Charge Revenue (Ln 4 * Ln 5)	\$	15,880,242	\$ 12,909,758	\$ 2,742,611	\$ 71,742	\$ 39,133	\$ -	\$ 117,000
7 Decoupled Revenue (Ln 6 - Ln 3)	\$	67,354,758	\$ 41,201,243	\$ 21,120,389	\$ 649,258	\$ 2,046,867	\$ 35,000	\$ 2,302,000
8 Normalized Therms (12ME 08.2023 Test Year)		135,785,858	53,785,103	29,149,318	4,577,265	17,685,530	201,105	30,387,537
9 Average Number of Customers (Line 8 / 12 mos.)			Residential 95,628	Non-Residential Group 12,175				Exempt from Decoupling Mechanism
10 Annual Therms			53,785,103	51,613,218				
11 Basic Charge Revenues	\$		12,909,758	\$ 2,853,485				
12 Customer Bills			1,147,534	146,097				
13 Average Basic Charge			\$11.25	\$19.53				

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<b>Line No.</b>		<b>Source</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Non-Residential Schedules*</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(c)</b>	<b>(d)</b>
1	Decoupled Revenue	Page 1	\$ 41,201,243	\$ 23,851,515
2	Test Year Number of Customers (12ME 08.2023)	Revenue Data	95,628	12,175
3	Decoupled Revenue Per Customer	(1) / (2)	\$ 430.85	\$ 1,959.10

\*Schedules 420, 424, 425, 439, 440, and 444