BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES

ORDER

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: TIMELINE SPECIFIED IN ORDER NO. 16-109 AMENDED

On July 31, 2025, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, filed a motion requesting to amend Order No. 16-109. In Order No. 16-109, the Commission adopted a stipulation authorizing the company to establish a decoupling mechanism, which included specifying a November 1 effective date. Avista explains that the November 1 effective date was designed to align with the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment. Avista requests to change the effective date in Order No. 16-109 from "on November 1" to "on or before November 1." Avista explains that the requested change is intended to address HB 3179 (2025), effective July 17, 2025, which will amend ORS 757.210(7) to state "[a]ny increase in residential rates may not take effect from November 1 to March 31." Avista states that it concurrently filed a motion in docket UM 1286 to similarly modify the effective date of its annual Purchased Gas Cost rate adjustment filing, to ensure these rate adjustments can be implemented on October 31, 2025. Avista explains that it will request to adjust Tariff Sheet 475B to align with the amended language. No party filed an objection to Avista's request.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order. I find good cause to amend Order No. 16-109, to modify the effective date to address HB 3179, consistent with the amendment to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Guidelines in Order No. 25-308 entered today in docket UM 1286, which amends the effective date of the Purchased Gas Adjustment to October 31.

Order No. 16-109 is amended to change the effective date from "on November 1" to "on October 31."

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See In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Docket No. CD 26, Order No. 23-321, Appendix E (Sept. 6, 2023).

The remainder of the order remains unchanged.

Made, entered, and effective_Aug 15, 2025

Alison Lackey

Chief Administrative Law Judge Administrative Hearings Division



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.