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September 30, 2004
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Ms. Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, ID 83720
AVU-E-04-04

Dear Ms. Jewell:
Advice No. E-04-04

## Tariff I.P.U.C. No. 28, Electric Service Residential and Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an original of the following tariff sheet:

## Fifth Revision Sheet 59 Canceling Fourth Revision Sheet 59

The proposed revised tariff sheet sets forth a residential and small farm energy rate adjustment credit of $0.412 \nmid$ per kilowatt-hour to be effective November 1, 2004. The credit results from a residential exchange program aimed at giving electric customers a portion of benefits from federal hydroelectric projects located in the Northwest pursuant to a Settlement Agreement between Avista and the Bonneville Power Administration. The Company is proposing that the rate credit be modified from the existing $0.252 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour to $0.412 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour to pass through the projected balance of accumulated benefits at October 31, 2004, as well as the expected level of benefits to be received from BPA during the period November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

Under the assumptions contained in the Application, the proposed rate credit results in an overall reduction in annual revenue of approximately $\$ 1.7$ million. The increase in the rate credit will have no effect on Avista's net income. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month the new credit would be $\$ 4.12$ per month or $\$ 1.60$ more than the existing credit of $\$ 2.52$ per month. With the new higher credit in place, residential customers' bills will be about $2.5 \%$ lower than they were before the increase in the rate credit.

Enclosed is a copy of the existing tariff Schedule 59 with the old rate crossed out and with the proposed rate underlined, an Application that provides information supporting the proposed tariff, a notice to customers that will be posted in the Company's offices and included as an insert in customer bills, a copy of a press release, and a set of workpapers. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Ron McKenzie at (509) 495-4320.

Sincerely,
Tally Nouisord
Kelly Norwood
Vice President State and Federal Regulation

## SCHEDULE 59

## RESIDENTIAL AND FARM ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

## APPLICABLE:

To Residential Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has electric service available. This rate adjustment results from an Agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) covering Residential Exchange Program benefits. The rate adjustment in this schedule shall be applicable to customers served under Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32 and 48.

## MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges for all blocks of electric Schedules 1, 12, 22 and 32 and the charges for area lights based on the energy usages of the lights on Schedule 48 are to be reduced by $0.412 \phi$ per kWh .

## SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The rate adjustment under this schedule is subject to revision to reflect the true up from estimated to actual benefits and to reflect projected future benefits. In the event the credits applied under this schedule exceed the benefits, the Company will adjust the rate on this schedule to recover that difference.

The energy credit applied to Schedule 32 for farm irrigation and pumping load, for each billing period, shall not exceed the amount of energy determined by the following formula:
$400 \times 0.746 \times$ days in the billing period $\times 24$
In no instance shall any qualifying irrigation and pumping load for any month exceed $222,000 \mathrm{kWh}$.

Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff.

The above rate is subject to the provisions of Tax Adjustment Schedule 58.

AVISTA CORPORATION doa Avista Utilities

## SCHEDULE 59

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## MONTHLY RATE:

The energy charges for all blocks of electric Schedules 1, 12, 22 and 32 and the charges for area lights based on the energy usages of the lights on Schedule 48 are to be reduced by $0.252 ¢$ per kWh .

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0.412
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## SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The rate adjustment under this schedule is subject to revision to reflect the true up from estimated to actual benefits and to reflect projected future benefits. In the event the credits applied under this schedule exceed the benefits, the Company will adjust the rate on this schedule to recover that difference.

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| Issued December 27, 2002 | Effective February 1, 2003 |
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| Issued by Avista Utilities <br> By 7 Coly $N$ ard | , Vice-President Rates and Regulation |

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## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) AVISTA CORPORATION FOR A MODIFICATION ) TO THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM ) <br> CASE NO. AVU-E-04-04 ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT CREDIT $\quad$ ) AVISTA CORPORATION

## I. INTRODUCTION

Avista Corporation doing business as Avista Utilities (hereinafter Avista or Company), at
1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, respectfully requests that the Commission approve a modification to the residential and farm energy rate adjustment credit. Avista proposes that the credit be modified from $0.252 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour to $0.412 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour effective November 1, 2004. The purpose of the energy rate adjustment credit is to pass through to qualifying electric residential and small farm customers the estimated benefits to be derived under the Residential Exchange Settlement Agreement between Avista and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The proposed rate credit of $0.412 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through the projected balance of accumulated benefits at October 31, 2004, as well as the expected level of benefits to be received from BPA during the period November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

The Company requests that this filing be processed under the Commission's Modified Procedure rules.

Communications in reference to this Application should be addressed to:

Kelly O. Norwood<br>David J. Meyer<br>Vice President and Chief Counsel of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs Avista Corporation<br>1411 E. Mission Avenue<br>Spokane, Washington 99220<br>Phone: (509) 489-0500<br>Fax: (509) 495-4361

## II. BPA RESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Northwest Regional Power Act establishes a Residential Exchange Program to provide benefits to residential and small farm consumers of Pacific Northwest utilities. A Settlement Agreement between Avista and BPA settled the Parties' rights and obligations for the Residential Exchange Program for the ten-year term of the Agreement, October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2011. Avista uses the residential and farm energy rate adjustment credit to pass on to its qualifying electric customers the residential exchange benefits it receives from BPA.

## III. PROPOSED ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT CREDIT

The proposed rate credit is set forth on proposed Fifth Revision Sheet 59 - Residential and Farm Energy Rate Adjustment. The Company proposes an effective date of November 1, 2004. The proposed rate credit is a uniform cents per kilowatt-hour decrease of $0.412 \phi$ and would apply to residential and small farm customers served under Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32 and 48. For residential and small farm area lighting customers served under Schedule 48, the proposed credit is applied on a uniform cents per kilowatt-hour basis to the energy usages of the various lights covered under that rate schedule. The calculation of the proposed rate credit is shown in the workpapers that
accompany this filing. The proposed rate credit of $0.412 \phi$ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through the projected balance of accumulated benefits at October 31, 2004, as well as the expected level of benefits to be received from BPA during the period November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

The proposed increase in the rate credit would result in an overall reduction in annual revenue of approximately $\$ 1.7$ million. The increase in the rate credit will have no effect on Avista's net income. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month the new credit would be $\$ 4.12$ per month or $\$ 1.60$ more than the existing credit of $\$ 2.52$ per month. With the new higher credit in place, residential customers' bills will be about $2.5 \%$ lower than they were before the increase in the rate credit.

## IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The Company respectfully requests the Commission for an order approving the proposed residential exchange rate credit of $0.412 \not \subset$ per kilowatt-hour effective November 1, 2004. The Company requests that this filing be processed under the Commission's Modified Procedure rules. Due to the straightforward nature of the filing, the Company does not believe that a hearing is required.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this $30^{\text {th }}$ day of September 2004.

## AVISTA CORPORATION



## VERIFICATION

## STATE OF WASHINGTON )

County of Spokane

David J. Meyer, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he is the Vice President and Chief Counsel of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs of Avesta Corporation and makes this verification for and on behalf of said corporation, being thereto duly authorized;

That he has read the foregoing filing, knows the contents thereof, and believes the same to be true.


SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this $30^{\text {th }}$ day of September 2004, by David J. Meyer.



NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at Spokane.

Commission Expires: $\qquad$

# Important Notice for Idaho Electric Residential and Small Farm Customers 

0n September 30, 2004, Avista filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) a request to modify a rate credit to qualifying residential and small farm customers. The credit results from a residential exchange program aimed at giving electric customers a share of benefits from federal hydroelectric projects located in the Northwest supplied by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Avista uses the rate credit to pass on to its qualifying electric customers the residential exchange benefits it receives from BPA.

## Idaho Rate Credit Modification

Avista is proposing that the rate credit be increased from the existing credit of $0.252 \mathbb{\$}$ per kilowatt-hour to $0.412 \mathbb{\$}$ per kilowatt-hour effective November 1, 2004. The proposed credit of $0.412 \mathbb{1}$ is designed to pass through the projected balance of accumulated benefits at October 31, 2004, as well as the expected level of benefits to be received from BPA during the period November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

The proposed rate credit is a uniform cents per kilowatt-hour decrease of $0.412 \mathbb{C}$ and would apply to residential and small farm customers served under Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48. The proposed increase in the rate credit would result in an annual overall reduction in Idaho electric revenue of approximately $\$ 1.7$ million. The increase in the rate credit will have no effect on Avista's net income. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month the new credit would be $\$ 4.12$ per month or $\$ 1.60$ more than the existing credit of $\$ 2.52$ per month. With the new higher credit in place, residential customers' bills will be about $2.5 \%$ lower than they were before the increase in the rate credit. The actual reduction will vary based on customer usage.

Avista's request is a proposal, subject to public review and a decision by the IPUC. A copy of Avista's filing is available for public review at the offices of both the IPUC and Avista. A copy of the filing is also available on our website at www.avistautilities.com under "Energy Prices," "Rates and Tariffs."

If you would like information on energy conservation tips, energy assistance programs, and bill payment plans, visit our website at www.avistautilities.com, or call us at 1-800-227-9187. Corp.

## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
October 1, 2004
8:30 a.m. EDT

Avista Seeks Rate Reductions to Pass On Benefits from BPA Agreement<br>If approved, rates for residential and small farm customers would drop 2.5 percent

Spokane, Wash.: Avista Corp. (NYSE: AVA) today asked regulators in Washington and Idaho to modify rate credits that apply to its residential and small farm customers, lowering bills for some 288,000 customers.

The credits result from a residential exchange program aimed at giving electric customers a share of benefits from federal hydroelectric projects located in the Northwest supplied by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Avista uses the rate credits to pass on to its qualifying electric customers the residential exchange benefits it receives from BPA.

For a Washington residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month the new credit would be $\$ 4.21$ per month or $\$ 1.44$ more than the existing credit of $\$ 2.77$ per month. In Idaho, the new credit would be $\$ 4.12$ per month or $\$ 1.60$ more than the existing credit of $\$ 2.52$.

With the new higher credits in place, residential customers' bills will be about 2.5 percent lower than they were before the increase in the rate credits. The actual reduction will vary based on customer usage. Avista's request to modify the rate credits is a proposal subject to public review and a decision by each respective utility commission.

The proposed credits are designed to pass through the projected balance of accumulated benefits at Oct. 31, 2004, as well as the expected level of benefits to be received from BPA during the period November 1, 2004 through Oct. 31, 2005. The proposed rate credits are a uniform cents per kilowatthour decrease and would apply to residential and small farm customers. The proposed increase in the rate credits would result in an annual overall reduction in electric revenue of approximately $\$ 5.1$ million. The increase in the rate credits will have no effect on Avista's net income.

## page two Avista Seeks Rate Reductions to Pass On Benefits from BPA Agreement

Avista Corp. is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Avista Utilities is a company operating division that provides service to 325,000 electric and 300,000 natural gas customers in four western states. Avista's non-regulated subsidiaries include Avista Advantage and Avista Energy. Avista Corp.'s stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit www.avistacorp.com.

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# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 

> IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR A MODIFICATION ) CASE NO. AVU-E-04TO THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT CREDIT

## WORKPAPERS

## AVISTA CORPORATION <br> Residential Exchange Credit <br> State of Idaho <br> Proposed Credit Effective November 1, 2004

| Schedule | $11 / 04-10 / 05$ <br> Forecast <br> kWhs | Rate <br> Adjustment <br> per kWh | Annual <br> Revenue <br> 1 |
| :---: | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $1,064,499,000$ | $-\$ 0.00412$ | $-\$ 4,385,736$ |  |
| 12 | $15,002,000$ | $-\$ 0.00412$ | $-61,808$ |
| 22 | $7,283,000$ | $-\$ 0.00412$ | $-30,006$ |
| 32 | $2,575,000$ | $-\$ 0.00412$ | $-10,609$ |
| 48 | $1,664,000$ | $-\$ 0.00412$ | $-6,856$ |
| Total | $1,091,023,000$ |  | $-\$ 4,495,015$ |

Projected deferral balance at October 31, 2004
-\$871,807
Projected credits November '04-October '05
Total amount to pass through as revenue reduction
Revenue related conversion factor (2003)
Grossed-up revenue reduction amount
Estimated kWh sales November '04-October '05
Residential exchange benefit rate effective November 1, 2004

Estimated Annual Revenue Impact
New rate -\$0.00412
Old rate $-\$ 0.00252$
Difference
Estimated kWh sales November '04-October '05
Reduction in annual revenue
$1,091,023,000$
$-\$ 0.00412$
-3,598,561
-\$4,470,368
0.994563
-\$4,494,806
$-\$ 0.00412$

1,091,023,000
-\$1,745,637

AVISTA CORPORATION<br>Effect on Residential Bills<br>Resulting from Change in Residential Exchange Credit<br>State of Idaho<br>Rates Effective November 1, 2004

Bill
Reduction
Due to
Increase in
Exchange
Current Current Credit** \%
Rates* Bill $\quad \$ 0.00160$ Reduction
600 kWh

| Basic charge | $\$ 4.00$ | $\$ 4.00$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| First 600 kWh | $\$ 0.05741$ | 34.45 |  |  |
| Over 600 kWh | $\$ 0.06511$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\$ 38.45$ | $-\$ 0.96$ | $-2.50 \%$ |


| $1,000 \mathrm{kWh}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Basic charge | $\$ 4.00$ | $\$ 4.00$ |
| First 600 kWh | $\$ 0.05741$ | 34.45 |
| Over 600 kWh | $\$ 0.06511$ | 26.04 |
|  |  | $\$ 64.49$ |

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-\$ 1.60 \quad-2.48 \%
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$1,400 \mathrm{kWh}$

| Basic charge | $\$ 4.00$ | $\$ 4.00$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| First 600 kWh | $\$ 0.05741$ | 34.45 |  |  |
| Over 600 kWh | $\$ 0.06511$ | 52.09 |  |  |
|  |  | $\$ 90.53$ | $-\$ 2.24$ | $-2.47 \%$ |

*Rates effective September 9, 2004 including effect of Schedules 59, 65, 66 and 91.
${ }^{* *}$ Increase in exchange credit

| New credit | $-\$ 0.00412$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Old credit | -0.00252 |
| Increase | $-\$ 0.00160$ |

Avista Corporation
Estimated Exchange Benefits to be
(Source: Worksheet from Jeff Schlect Entitled
Residential Exchange Benefit Summary)
Note: There is a one-month lag in
receiving benefits from BPA.
Total Credit Net of Deferrals
Washington
o
Total

## Jun-05

\$1,559,330 \$1,248,312

|  |  | May-05 | Jun-05 | Jul-05 | Aug-05 | Sep-05 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Credit Net of Deferrals |  | \$1,559,330 | \$1,248,312 | \$825,045 | \$210,782 | \$583,701 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sum } \\ & 10 / 04-9 / 05 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Washington | 68.8889\% | \$1,074,205 | \$859,948 | \$568,364 | \$145,205 | \$402,105 | \$7,968,243 |
| Idaho | 31.1111\% | 485,125 | 388,364 | 256,681 | 65,577 | 181,596 | 3,598,561 |
| Total |  | \$1,559,330 | \$1,248,312 | \$825,045 | \$210,782 | \$583,701 | \$11,566,804 |


| $\$ 402,105$ | $\$ 7,968,243$ |
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Workpapers
RESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE BENEFIT SUMMARY




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## AVISTA UTILITIES CALCULATION OF CONVERSION FACTOR: IDAHO ELECTRIC TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

| Revenue: | 1.000000 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Expense: | 0.003053 |
| Uncollectibles (1) | 0.002384 |
| Commission Fees (2) | 0.011039 .99456 .3 |
| Idaho Income Tax (3) | 0.016476 |
| Total Expense | 0.983524 |
| Net Operating Income Before FIT | $35.00 \%$ |
| Federal Income Tax @ | 0.344233 |
| REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR | 0.639291 |

NOTES:
(1) Calculation of Effective Uncollectibles Rate:

Net Write-Offs *
513,915
Divided by:
Sales to Ultimate Customers **
$168,334,768$
EFFECTIVE RATE

* From Uncollectibles Adjustment Workpapers.
** From Results of Operations Report E-OPS-12A.
(2) IPUC fees rate per IPUC Letter 4/29/2003
(3) Calculation of effective Idaho Income Tax

Net Income attributible to Idaho ${ }^{* * *} 0.146042$
Multliplied by:
Idaho Income Tax 0.076000
Adjusted Rate - $\quad 0.011099$
Adj for: Effective Uncoll 0.003053
Commission fees $0.002384 \quad 0.005437$
EFFECTIVE RATE $=\left(0.011099^{*}(1-0 . \overline{005437)}) \quad 0.011039\right.$
*** From 2002 Form 41-Idaho Corporation Income Tax. (unaudited)

