

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: AUGUST 12, 2020

SUBJECT: THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM CREDIT ANNUAL RATE
FILING OF AVISTA CORPORATION; CASE NO. AVU-E-20-08.

On July 31, 2020, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” or “Company”) applied to the Commission for authorization to implement a Residential and Small Farm Energy rate credit from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and to approve its corresponding modifications to rate Schedule 59—Residential and Small Farm Energy Adjustment. Under the Company’s proposal, the monthly bill for an average residential customer would increase by \$0.46, or 0.5%. Avista asks that its Application be processed under Modified Procedure and requests an effective date of October 1, 2020.

2020-2021 RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM RATE ADJUSTMENT

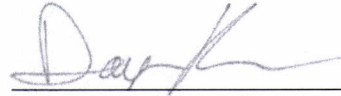
In its current Residential and Small Farm Energy adjustment filing, Avista proposes to issue a rate credit of \$4.2 million which represents Avista’s Idaho portion of benefits from the Residential Exchange Program, offset by the over-refunded balance from the prior year. This credit would go to customers in rate Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48. The proposed credit rate is 0.336 cents per kilowatt-hour. The rate credit would not affect Avista’s net income.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure. Staff recommends the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure provide for a twenty-one (21) day written comment period for itself and any other interested parties, with a seven (7) day reply comment period for the Company to follow.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure that establishes a twenty-one (21) day written comment period for Staff and any other interested parties followed by a seven (7) day reply comment period for the Company?



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