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Jan Noriyuki, Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Bldg. 8, Ste. 201-A  
Boise, Idaho 83714

RE: Case No. AVU-E-20-14

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation's dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company) proposed modifications to its Tariff Schedule 95 "My Clean Energy Program." The proposed additions are included in the following tariff sheets, WN U-28:

Fourth Revision Sheet 95	Canceling	Third Revision Sheet 95
Second Revision Sheet 95A	Canceling	First Revision Sheet 95A
	New	Original Sheet 95B

The purpose of this filing is to modify the My Clean Energy Program in an effort to provide customers with an additional option to voluntarily purchase clean energy.

During 2019 Avista evaluated the Company's voluntary renewable energy program by conducting customer research, analyzing program costs and customer participation levels, and reviewing comparable programs of other investor owned utilities. After completing this review, the Company identified an opportunity to provide greater education on its voluntary renewable program and the need to offer additional participation options for customers who prefer all of their energy consumption be offset by clean energy. The review led to a tariff filing where the name of program was changed to My Clean Energy Program and two new purchase options were made

available to customers: 1) a national block option where customers could purchase 300 kwh for \$1 a month with Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) sourced from anywhere through the United States and 2) a regional option where customers could purchase 100 kwh for \$1 a month for RECs procured within the Western Interconnection (WECC), with preference given to the Northwest region including WA, ID, OR, CA, MT and BC.

Customers participating in the My Clean Energy Program have expressed a need and desire for a simple message and approach to support ambitions for clean, renewable energy. Through iterative testing, feedback sessions and surveys, the Company had the opportunity to listen to customers sharing their views, reasoning, and guiding principles on the topic of using renewable energy and decisions to participate in My Clean Energy Program. The Company has already used this information to improve messaging and positioning of this program to create more value to the participating customer. This has been evident through improved customer net promoter score surveys. To further align the program options with customer sentiment the Company now proposes to add the following additional option for customer to choose from:

100% Renewable Option – One (1) kWh of renewable power from a Regional source located in the Western Interconnection (WECC), with preference given to the northwest region including WA, ID, OR, CA, MT, and BC will offset every kWh used at customer selected meter. Each kWh is priced at \$.01/ per kWh and the amount of kWhs purchased will vary each month to match the customers actual kWh usage.

The introduction of a 100% match option is meant to simplify the buying process for customers that would like to offset 100% of their monthly energy usage.<sup>1</sup> Rather than purchase enough fixed blocks to meet a customer's estimated monthly energy usage, this option will provide an exact match with what the customer uses each month. Making this option available to customers allows them to support renewable energy in a way that best aligns with their personal desires.

Enrollment in the My Clean Energy Program will remain simple for customers and can be completed online or over the phone, as currently available. Customers will continue to have the

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed change to the My Clean Energy Program described within in this tariff filing was not included in 2019 tariff filing due to the Company's billing system not being able to support the match option. Enhancements to the billing system to support this option are underway and expected to be complete by the end of March 2021.

opportunity to participate with no contract required and will have the option to enroll and/or cancel participation at any time in a given month. All charges related to the program are in addition to the customer's regular electric charges. Charges will appear on the customers' regular monthly bill as a separate line item and include appropriate taxes.

Current My Clean Energy Program participants will receive notification of the additional purchase option and will be able to select the new option if they desire to do so. The Company also plans on distributing ongoing communications to its customers in order to promote broader awareness of the program options, as well as regular communications to current program participants regarding the renewable projects they help support.

The Company requests the tariff changes be allowed to take effect on February 15, 2021. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at [Shawn.Bonfield@avistacorp.com](mailto:Shawn.Bonfield@avistacorp.com) or at 509-495-2782.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Shawn Bonfield*

Sr. Manager, Regulatory Policy & Strategy  
Regulatory Affairs

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SCHEDULE 95

MY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM – IDAHO

AVAILABLE

To Customers in the State of Idaho where the Company has electric service. Customers may participate in one or more available Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program options.

APPLICABLE

To all customers receiving electric service who agree to purchase blocks of renewable power under this schedule.

PROGRAM OPTIONS AND CHARGES:

~~Two Clean Energy~~ program options ~~will be~~ available to customers. ~~All options~~ will utilize the ~~same~~ types of qualifying resources including wind, solar and biomass, but may also come from other renewable resources. Program option available to Idaho customers will include, but are not limited to the following:

National Block Option - One (1) block is equal to 300 kWh of renewable power from a National source located anywhere in the United States. Each block is priced at \$1.00 per block, per month.

Regional Block Option - One (1) block is equal to 100 kWh of renewable power from a Regional source located in the Western Interconnection (WECC), with preference given to the northwest region including WA, ID, OR, CA, MT, and BC. Each block is priced at \$1.00 per block, per month.

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All program charges shall be in addition to all other charges contained in the customer's applicable tariff schedule.

MONTHLY BILLING

National and Regional block options - The monthly billing shall be the number of Blocks the customer has agreed to purchase multiplied by the Charge per Block. The Monthly Billing is in addition to all other charges contained in customer's applicable tariff schedule. This schedule's Monthly Billing shall be applied to the customer's billing regardless of actual energy consumption.

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100% Renewable Option - The monthly billing shall be based on the customer's actual electric usage at the meter selected by the customer. For every kWh of electricity used, the customer will be charged \$.01/kWh premium for renewable power. The Monthly Billing is in addition to all other charges contained in the customer's applicable tariff schedule.

**RENEWABLE POWER**

For the purpose of this schedule, the renewable power sourced through renewable energy certificates (RECs) shall be recognized via the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) tracking system or another REC tracking system of record with preference toward Green-e certified and primarily from these sources: Wind and solar power, but may also come from other renewable resources.

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:**

To ensure that all costs and benefits of this program are only applied to program participants, all funds collected and spent under this Schedule will be separately identified and tracked. Funds received from Customers under this Schedule will be used to cover program costs (e.g.: program management, accounting, communications, etc.) as well as to match block subscriptions to REC purchases.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS/GRANTS:**

In an effort to promote and build awareness of renewable energy generation options, if available, funds collected, but not otherwise required to meet program obligations may be distributed for one or more of the following renewable projects:

1. Funding for locally-owned, non-residential solar projects. Applicable customers, with a preference for community-based projects that provide for educational and environmental benefit to local communities, or otherwise receive service under this Schedule, may apply for a grant to cover all or a portion of the cost of installation.
2. Funding for research and development projects that encourage Renewable Energy market transformation in order to accelerate marketability of Renewable Energy technologies.
3. Funding for above-market costs associated with the new construction of Renewable Energy facilities or the purchase by contract of Renewable Energy that reduces the costs of Renewable Energy to be competitive with cost-effective resources.

Eligible renewable energy projects would not be considered for purposes of any Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements. Renewable energy that is generated in response to any federal or state statutory requirement to construct or contract for the renewable energy is not eligible for the funding under this Schedule.

To the extent an eligible project in Section 1, 2, and 3 above is able to generate RECs, the grant recipient agrees that the Company, on behalf of the Schedule 95 program, has the first right to claim a share of the project's REC output. The amount of these RECs is expressed as a percentage of output when comparing the Schedule 95 financial contribution to the overall cost of the project. The proportional amount of these RECs will be retired on behalf of the program.

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2. Customers may apply for or terminate from this schedule anytime during the year. The Company may limit availability of this program subject to available renewable power at the cost incurred under the terms described above.
3. The above Monthly Billing is subject to increases as set forth in Tax Adjustment Schedule 58.

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