

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

**SUBJECT:** THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER  
APPROVING A CHANGE IN NATURAL GAS RATES AND CHARGES,  
CASE NO. AVU-G-17-04

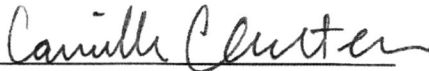
On August 31, 2017, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed its annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) Application asking to decrease its annualized revenues by about \$1.7 million. Application at 1. The Company says its proposal will not affect its earnings and will decrease rates for an average residential or small commercial customer by \$1.23 per month (2.4%). The Company states that it will issue notice of this change via a bill insert in the September to October timeframe. The Company asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure, and that the new rates take effect November 1, 2017.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, with comments due October 20, 2017, and reply comments, if any, due October 25, 2017.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and a Notice of Modified Procedure, with comments due October 20, 2017, and reply comments, if any, due October 25, 2017?

  
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