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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-G-22-01 - Avista Utilities Proposed Tariff Schedule 195 "Optional Renewable Natural Gas"

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company) hereby submits its modified Tariff Schedule 195 and Tariff Index page in compliance with Order No. 35520 in Case No. AVU-G-22-01 pertaining to the Company's proposed Option Renewable Natural Gas Program.

Also reflected in the Tariff Index page update is the removal of Schedule 178 pertaining to the Deferred Balance Credit which, per Order No. 35150, was in effect from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and therefore, is no longer in effect.

Please direct any questions regarding these comments to Amanda Ghering at <u>amanda.ghering@avistacorp.com</u> or 509-495-7950.

Sincerely,

|s|Shawn Bonfield

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SCHEDULE 195

OPTIONAL RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS – IDAHO

AVAILABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where the Company has natural gas service. Customers may participate in one or more available Renewable Natural Gas program options.

APPLICABLE:

To all customers receiving natural gas service who agree to participate in a program option under this schedule.

PROGRAM OPTIONS AND CHARGES:

Low carbon energy program options available to customers will utilize the available types of Renewable natural gas. The initial program option available will be as follows:

<u>Renewable Natural Gas</u> - One (1) block includes the environmental equivalent attributes associated with 1.5 therms of renewable natural gas. Each block is priced at \$5.00 per block, per month.

All program charges are included in the price of the block and shall be in addition to all other charges contained in the customer's applicable tariff schedule.

MONTHLY BILLING:

Renewable Natural Gas - The monthly billing shall be reflective of the number of Renewable Natural Gas block(s) 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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SCHEDULE 195 – Continued

RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS:

For the purpose of this schedule, the blocks will include the environmental attributes unbundled from the actual fuel associated with Renewable Natural Gas consisting largely of methane and other hydrocarbons derived from the decomposition of organic material in landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, and anaerobic digesters.

The renewable natural gas sourced shall be recognized via the M-RETs tracking system.

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 may include program costs (e.g.: program management, accounting, communications, etc.) as well as to match block subscriptions to Renewable Natural Gas environmental attribute purchases.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1. Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff.
- 2. Customers may apply for, or terminate participation from, this schedule anytime during the year.
- 3. Program may be temporarily closed or 'sold-out' to new program subscribers if there is insufficient renewable natural gas inventory available.
- 4. The above Monthly Billing is subject to increases as set forth in Tax Adjustment Schedule 158.

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