

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: AVISTA'S APPLICATION TO UPDATE SCHEDULE 51,
CASE NO. AVU-E-15-03

On March 31, 2015, Avista Corporation filed Tariff Advice No. ADV 15-01-E. The Company proposes to revise its Electric Line Extension Schedule 51 by updating line extension costs based on changes to the Company's Construction & Material Standards, and actual average costs of all material and labor used in line extensions during 2014. The proposed revisions include the removal of large "Three Phase" commercial and industrial customers from Schedule 51. Avista 2015 Schedule 51, Tariff Sheet 5(c) (legislative form). The proposed changes are to take effect on May 18, 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In the past, the Company has updated Schedule 51 by tariff advice. However, last year, the Company sought to update allowances which, at the time, had not been updated since February 2001. *See* Order No. 28562. In that matter, Staff recommended – and the Company agreed – that the case be processed under Modified Procedure. In this case, Staff again recommends that the matter be processed under Modified Procedure. The basis for this approach is to afford Notice and a 21-day comment period regarding the proposed revisions, in particular, the removal of Three Phase commercial and industrial customers from Schedule 51. The Company advises Staff that it concurs with this approach, and the tariff advice has been filed as Case No. AVU-E-15-03.

COMMISSION DECISION

Should the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a 21-day comment period?

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