

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: AVISTA'S ANNUAL PGA FILING, CASE NO. AVU-G-18-04

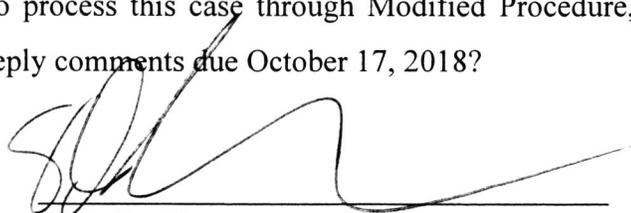
On August 27, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed its annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) Application asking to *decrease* its annual revenues by about \$0.6 million (1%). Application at 1.¹ The Company says its proposal will decrease rates for an average residential or small commercial customer by \$0.34 per month (0.7%). *Id.* at 5. The Company states that it issued notice of this change via news release on August 24, 2018. *Id.* at 2. The Company asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure, and that the new rates take effect November 1, 2018. *Id.* at 5.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the case be processed through Modified Procedure, with comments due by October 10, 2018 and reply comments due October 17, 2018.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process this case through Modified Procedure, with comments due by October 10, 2018 and reply comments due October 17, 2018?



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¹ The PGA mechanism is used to adjust rates to reflect annual changes in the Company's costs for the purchase of natural gas from suppliers – including transportation, storage, and other related costs.