

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: KEVIN KEYT

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2019 *Avu-G-19-05*

RE: AVISTA TARIFF ADVICE NO. 19-01-G
REVISION TO AVISTA'S TARIFF SERVICE SCHEDULE 27

BACKGROUND

On August 14, 2019, Avista ("Avista" or "Company") submitted Tariff Advice No. 19-01-G to revise Avista's Schedule 27. The revised tariff would enable the Company to clarify provisions applicable to interruptible and transportation customers, and the curtailment processes for all natural gas customers. Avista requests an effective date of September 27, 2019.

Following the October 9, 2018 rupture of a natural gas transmission pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge and located north of Prince George, B.C., Avista activated its emergency operations plan. The plan was activated to address a shortage of natural gas and a number of the Company's customers were curtailed. All customer curtailments were lifted two days following the rupture on October 11, 2018.

PROPOSED TARIFF REVISIONS

The Company analyzed its response to the event to address improvement and process opportunities and communication associated with curtailment procedures and tariffs. The proposed tariff revisions reflect the Company's effort to clarify and streamline its' curtailment process.

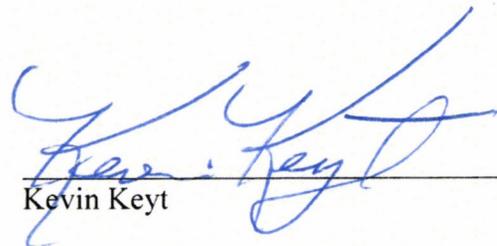
The proposed revisions do affect the curtailment process and associated penalty customers may be charged. Among the changes listed in the Company's submission is the increase of its curtailment penalty from \$1 per therm to \$10 per therm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Company's proposed tariff changes, application, and Customer Notice. Staff believes the proposed changes will not affect base rates paid by customers. However, Staff believes that an opportunity for public input on the Company's request would be prudent and in the public interest. Staff recommends a comment deadline of September 13, 2019 and a reply deadline of September 18, 2019.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application, Notice of Modified Procedure, and Notice of Suspension of Tariff Advice that suspends the Company's Tariff Advice, converts the Tariff Advice into an Application with comments due on September 13, 2019 and reply comments due September 18, 2019?



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