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### **Energy Trust of Oregon and Avista partner to help Southern Oregon and La Grande customers save energy**

*Eligible Avista utility customers can now access information and cash incentives from Energy Trust to reduce their energy use*

PORTLAND, Ore. — January 18, 2017 — As of the new year, Energy Trust of Oregon's full range of energy-efficiency services and programs are available to help Avista residential and eligible business customers in Oregon save natural gas and lower utility bills. Avista provides natural gas service to more than 90,000 customers in Roseburg, Medford, Klamath Falls, La Grande and surrounding areas, and Energy Trust serves 1.5 million utility customers of Pacific Power, Portland General Electric, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and now Avista.

Energy Trust cash incentives are available for a range of energy-efficiency improvements, from gas fireplaces and water heaters for new and existing homes to prescriptive and custom upgrades at eligible commercial and industrial businesses. All qualifying services and incentive amounts are listed at [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org), as well as contractors available to assist and install the improvements.

"This partnership with Energy Trust will allow our customers to continue to manage energy use and save money," said Kerry Shroy, manager of Oregon energy efficiency programs, Avista. "Avista has been committed to helping our customers pursue energy efficiency for over 30 years, and we're pleased to partner with Energy Trust to continue these services."

Following a decision by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in spring 2016, the two organizations began planning for a transition of Avista's energy-efficiency service offerings to Energy Trust. In July 2016, Energy Trust started serving Avista customers on a limited basis by providing discounted residential showerheads through retail channels, incentives for gas fireplaces at select retailers and new commercial construction design assistance.

Through the partnership, Energy Trust is also able to provide comprehensive natural gas efficiency and electric efficiency programs for Southern Oregon homeowners and businesses on eligible rate schedules served by both Avista and Pacific Power.

"We're pleased to round out our services to customers in Avista territory," said Michael Colgrove, executive director, Energy Trust. "Oregonians in Southern Oregon and La Grande can now take advantage of assistance from our trade ally contractors, and access services and cash incentives to reduce energy use and save on energy bills."

**Energy Trust**

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and generating renewable power. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista save \$2.3 billion on energy bills. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs and builds a sustainable energy future. Learn more at [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org) or call 1-866-368-7878.

**Avista Utilities**

[Avista](#) Utilities is involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy. We provide energy services and electricity to 375,000 customers and natural gas to 336,000 customers in a service territory that covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.6 million. Avista Utilities is an operating division of [Avista Corp.](#) (NYSE: AVA). For more information, please visit [www.avistautilities.com](http://www.avistautilities.com).

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