

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UG-080120
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AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A)	ORDER 01
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 18, 2008, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-29, designated as the First Revision Sheet 159, Natural Gas Decoupling Rate Adjustment. The Company proposes two changes to Schedule 159. The first is a change to the base-year therm sales. The second is to revise the margin per therm for Schedule 101 to be used in the monthly deferral calculation. These changes are the result of Order 05 in Docket UG-070805 and were inadvertently missed in the compliance filing for that docket.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of February 18, 2008. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective February 1, 2008. Avista requests less than statutory notice because the base therm sales and the applicable rate are the result of the Commission's Order 05 in Docket UG-070805, effective January 1, 2008.
- 3 WAC 480-90-194 requires notice to customers or publication of requested increases in rates or restrictions or limitations in service. The requested changes do not increase or affect customer bills, only the recording of potential future revenue recovery.
- 4 The tariff revisions are reasonable as they reflect the most recent Commission determination of base therm sales and the appropriate margin rate for purposes of calculating the deferred revenues in Avista's pilot decoupling program.

5 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and
less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the
Commission grant Avista's request with an effective date of February 1, 2008.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the
State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates,
regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated
interests of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040,*
RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 7 (2) Avista is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) Avista is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas
companies to file changes in any rate or charge with thirty days' notice.
- 9 (5) Staff has reviewed Avista's request in Docket UG-080120 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 10 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
January 31, 2008.
- 11 (7) After reviewing Avista's proposed tariff revision filed on January 18, 2008, and
giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the
Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective
February 1, 2008.
- 12 (8) The Commission finds the customer notice requirements in WAC 480-90-194 are
not applicable to this filing as it requests neither an increase in customer charges
nor a limitation or restriction in service.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities' request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 14 (2) The tariff revisions Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities filed on January 18, 2008, will be effective on February 1, 2008.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 31, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary