

AVISTA CORPORATION  
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## SCHEDULE 150

### PURCHASE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - WASHINGTON

#### APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Washington where Company has natural gas service available.

#### PURPOSE:

To pass through increases or decreases in natural gas costs to become effective as noted below. Additional gas cost changes are also shown on Schedule 156. The rate adjustments shown on this Schedule and Schedule 156 must be added together to determine the net gas cost change.

#### RATE:

- (a) The rates of gas Schedule 101 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of gas Schedules 111 and 112 are to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm in all blocks.
- (c) The rates of gas Schedules 121 and 122 are to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm in all blocks.
- (d) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm in all blocks.
- (e) The rates of transportation Schedule 146 are to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm in all blocks.

#### WEIGHTED AVERAGE GAS COST:

The Company's weighted average cost of gas is shown on Schedule 156.

#### BALANCING ACCOUNT:

The Company will maintain a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account whereby monthly entries into this Balancing Account will be made to reflect differences between the actual purchased gas costs collected from customers and the actual purchased gas costs incurred by the Company. Those differences are then collected from or refunded to Customers under Schedule 155 - Gas Rate Adjustment.

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## SCHEDULE 150 - (continued)

Additional debits or credits for Pipeline refunds or charges, Pipeline capacity release revenues and miscellaneous revenues or expenses directly related to the Company's cost of purchasing gas to meet customers' needs will be recorded in the Balancing Account.

Deferred gas costs will be determined for individual customers served under Schedules 112, 122, 132, 146, and 148, as well as for Customers that switch to or from any of these service schedules to another schedule. The deferred gas cost balance for these Customers will be based on monthly entries into the Balancing Account as described above. The deferred gas cost balance for each Customer will be eliminated by either 1) a lump-sum refund or surcharge, as applicable, or 2) an amortization rate per therm to reduce the balance prospectively. The Customer shall have the option of a lump-sum refund or surcharge or an amortization rate per therm.

The Company will compute interest on the average deferred balance of the PGA Balancing Account on a monthly basis using an interest rate based on its variable short-term borrowing cost.

Additional debits or credits for Pipeline refunds or charges and other miscellaneous revenues or expenses directly related to the Company's cost of purchasing gas to meet customers' needs will be recorded in the Balancing Account.

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

The rates named herein are subject to increases as set forth in Tax Adjustment Schedule 158.

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