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September 14, 2009

State of Washington Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive Olympia, Washington 98504-8002

Attention: Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

RE: WN U-29 – Natural Gas Service Avista's Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA)

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is a copy of the following proposed tariff sheets:

Twelfth Revision Sheet 155 canceling Eleventh Revision Sheet 155 Fifteenth Revision Sheet 156 canceling Fourteenth Revision Sheet 156

The Company requests that the proposed tariff sheets be made effective on November 1, 2009.

This filing reflects the Company's proposed annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the forthcoming year (Schedule 156), and 2) revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred gas costs (Schedule 155). Below is a table summarizing the proposed changes reflected in this filing.

	Sch.	Commodity Change	Demand Change	Total Sch. 156	Sch. 155 Amort.	Total Rate Change	Percent
<u>Service</u>	<u>No.</u>	per therm	per thm	Change	per therm	per therm	Change
General	101	(\$0.32705)	\$0.00099	(\$0.32606)	\$0.09657	(\$0.22949)	(20.2%)
Lg. General	111	(\$0.32705)	\$0.00093	(\$0.32612)	\$0.09274	(\$0.23338)	(23.9%)
Ex. Lg. Gen.	121	(\$0.32705)	\$0.00088	(\$0.32617)	\$0.07423	(\$0.25194)	(26.6%)
Interruptible	131	(\$0.32705)	\$0.00059	(\$0.32646)	\$0.07161	(\$0.25485)	(29.0%)

Transportation customers served under Schedule 146 will see a decrease of 0.1% as a result of a small amortization surcharge being eliminated.

Commodity Costs

As shown in the table above, the estimated commodity cost (WACOG) change is a *decrease* of 32.7 cents per therm. The proposed WACOG is 51.1 cents per therm compared to the present WACOG of 83.8 cents per therm included in rates. Wholesale gas prices have fallen dramatically since July 2008 and Avista has been hedging gas on a periodic basis throughout 2009 for the forthcoming PGA year. Approximately 64% of estimated annual load requirements for the PGA year (Nov '09-Oct '10) will be hedged at a fixed price, comprised of: 1) 42% of volumes hedged for a term of one year or less, 2) 10% of prior multi-year hedges, and 3) 12% from underground storage. Through August, most of the planned hedge volumes for the PGA year have been executed at a weighted average price of \$5.82 per dekatherm (\$0.582 per therm).

The Company used a 30-day historical average of forward prices (ending Aug. 31) by supply basin to develop an estimated cost associated with index/spot purchases. The estimated monthly volumes to be purchased by basin are multiplied by the (30-day) average price for the corresponding month and basin. These index/spot volumes represent approximately 36% of estimated annual load requirements for the coming year and the annual weighted average price for these volumes is \$4.78 per dekatherm.

Available underground storage capacity at Jackson Prairie represents approximately 12% of annual load requirements (20% of load requirements during the Jan.-Mar. withdrawal period). The estimated weighted average cost for all storage volumes is \$2.80 per dekatherm. The company also utilizes (optimizes) its underground storage capacity to provide additional benefits to customers beyond the winter/summer price differential and supply reliability.

The Company's gas procurement plan uses a diversified approach to procure gas for the coming year. While the plan generally incorporates a structured approach for the hedging portion of the portfolio, the company exercises flexibility and discretion in all areas of the plan based on changes in the wholesale market. The Company typically meets with the Commission Staff quarterly to discuss the state of the wholesale market and the status of the company's procurement plan. In addition, the company communicates with the Staff when it believes it makes sense to deviate from its procurement plan and/or opportunities arise in the market.

Demand Costs

The Demand Cost shown in the table primarily represents the cost of pipeline transportation to the Company's system. As shown in the table above, there is essentially no change in the demand cost included in rates.

Schedule 155 / Amortization Rate Change

As shown in the table above, the proposed change in the amortization rates are an increase between 7.1 and 9.7 cents per therm, reflecting a two-year amortization of the estimated deferral balance at November 1. The Company projects that there will be a

\$28.4 million (refund) deferred gas cost balance at November 1. Two additional rate decreases were implemented by the Company in 2009 to accelerate amortization of the growing deferral balance since the November 2008 PGA. These additional decreases have resulted in a present amortization rate (refund) of 18.4 cents per therm for Schedule 101 (residential and small commercial) customers. However, gas prices have continued to fall throughout the year, and the deferral balance has continued to grow despite the increased amortization rate(s).

A one-year amortization rate to refund the estimated balance of \$28.4 million would be a refund rate of 16.8 cents per therm. Eliminating a refund rate of this magnitude in the 2010 PGA filing would, all other things being equal, result in an increase of nearly 20%. In other words, even if the Company had *no change* in it's WACOG from the 2009 to the 2010 PGA filings, it would have nearly a 20% increase to eliminate a 16.8 cent refund rate. In order to mitigate the potential 2010 PGA increase, the Company proposes to refund the deferral balance over a two-year period, rather than one. Using the same scenario described above (no change in WACOG from 2009 to 2010), there would be *no* PGA rate change in 2010 and approximately a 10% increase in 2011 to eliminate the smaller refund rate. The Company believes that the substantial reduction in the WACOG in this filing presents a unique opportunity to mitigate future PGA increase(s) via a two-year refund of the deferral balance.

The annual revenue change reflected in this filing is a decrease of \$40.6 million, or a decrease in annual gas revenue of 21.0%. The average residential or small commercial customer using 70 therms per month will see a *decrease* of \$16.06 per month, or approximately 20.2%. The present bill for 70 therms is \$79.43 while the proposed bill is \$63.37.

Also enclosed are the workpapers supporting the proposed rate changes and a media release which will be issued coincident with this filing. The Company will also send a bill insert to customers regarding the proposed decrease prior to November 1.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call Craig Bertholf at 509-495-4124 or Brian Hirschkorn at 509-495-4723.

Sincerely,

Kelly Norwood

Kelly O. Norwood, Vice President State & Federal Regulation

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served Avista Corporation's Tariff WUTC WN-U-29 Natural Gas Service via electronic mail where available or by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to the following:

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Dated at Spokane, Washington this 14th day of September 2009.

Patty Olsness Rates Coordinator

Exhibit "A"

Media Notice to Public of Applicant's Proposed Tariffs



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Avista Requesting to Reduce Natural Gas Prices for Washington and Idaho Customers to Lowest Level Since 2003

SPOKANE, Wash. – Sept. 14, 2009, 1:30 p.m. PDT: Natural gas prices for Avista's (NYSE:AVA) residential and small commercial customers in Washington and Idaho will decrease by 20.2 percent and 17.0 percent respectively, if the utility commissions in both states approve the company's annual Purchase Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) filed today. Avista has requested a Nov. 1 effective date.

This is the third time in 2009 that Avista has requested to decrease rates for its 145,500 natural gas customers in Washington and 73,000 Idaho customers. If approved, natural gas rates for Washington and Idaho residential customers will have decreased by about 25 percent since the beginning of this year.

If the request is approved, an Avista residential customer in Washington using an average 70 therms per month could expect their bill to decrease by \$16.06 for a revised monthly bill of \$63.37. A residential customer in Idaho using an average 66 therms per month could expect their bill to decrease by \$12.74 for a revised monthly bill of \$62.21. Large commercial and industrial customers in both states could expect decreases over 20 percent.

"Our customers will see their natural gas rates at the lowest level in six years which is especially good news with the heating season approaching. However, it's still important to make wise energy choices to help manage winter heating bills," said Kevin Christie, Avista's director of gas supply.

Steep declines in wholesale natural gas prices caused by lower demand and an abundance of natural gas supplies have driven natural gas prices to their lowest level in several years. However, Christie cautioned that the market remains volatile and wholesale prices could increase again over the coming year.

Avista follows a flexible, diversified natural gas purchasing plan and leverages the company's underground natural gas storage facility. For a portion of customers' natural gas needs, Avista purchases lower-cost gas during spring and summer months and places it in underground storage for use during the heating season when wholesale gas prices are typically highest.

Currently about 75 percent of an Avista customer's monthly bill is the actual cost of natural gas which Avista does not mark up. This portion of a customer's bill is typically adjusted annually- up or down - in PGA filings.

The remaining 25 percent covers the cost of delivering natural gas – the equipment and people needed to provide safe and reliable delivery of service. The Washington Utilities and

Transportation Commission (WUTC) is currently reviewing Avista's request to increase this portion of a customer's monthly bill to recover investments made in its natural gas system.

Customers can take advantage of a number of billing options, energy efficiency programs, incentives and rebates offered by Avista to help them proactively manage their natural gas usage. Comfort Level Billing is an option that gives qualifying customers the opportunity to smooth seasonal energy bill highs and lows by averaging energy bills over 12 months. Information is available at <u>www.everylittlebit.com</u>.

Avista Corp. is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Avista Utilities is our operating division that provides electric service to 353,000 homes and businesses and natural gas to 313,000 homes and businesses in three Western states, serving more than 492,000 customers. Avista's primary, non-regulated subsidiary is Advantage IQ. Avista stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit <u>www.avistacorp.com</u>.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements regarding the company's current expectations. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than historical facts. Such statements speak only as of the date of the news release and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, in addition to those discussed herein, all of the factors discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2008, and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

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Exhibit "B"

Notice Posted in the Company Offices

September 14, 2009

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AVISTA UTILITIES NOTICE OF TARIFF CHANGE (Gas Service Only)

Notice is given that the "Sheets" listed below of Tariff WN U-29, covering natural gas service have been filed with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission at Olympia, Washington.

Twelfth Revision Sheet 155 canceling Eleventh Revision Sheet 155 and, Fifteenth Revision Sheet 156 canceling Fourteenth Revision Sheet 156

The effect of the proposed change is an estimated *decrease* to annual revenue of approximately \$40.6 million or about 21.0%.

This filing is a Purchased Gas Cost adjustment (PGA) filing to pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the forthcoming year and to revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect previous gas cost differences accumulated over the previous year.

This filing will have no effect on the annual net income of the Company.

If approved as filed customers will see the following rate changes:

		Rate Change Per Therm Increase <decrease></decrease>	Estimated Monthly Percentage Increase <decrease></decrease>
Schedule 101	Residential	<\$0.22949>	<20.2%>
Schedule 111	Large General Service	<\$0.23338>	<23.9%>
Schedule 121	Large General Service	<\$0.25194>	<26.6%>
Schedule 131	Interruptible Service	<\$0.25485>	<29.0%>
Schedule 146	Transportation	<\$0.00008>	<.1%>

The average residential customer using 70 therms per month will see an estimated monthly *decrease* from \$79.43 to \$63.37 or approximately \$16.06. The actual *decrease* will vary based on customer usage.

The Company is requesting that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approve the company's filing effective November 1, 2009. A copy of the proposed tariff changes is available for review in the Spokane business office or can be obtained by calling (509) 495-4067 or writing:

Avista Utilities Attention: Ms. Patty Olsness P.O. Box 3727 Spokane, WA. 99220

Exhibit "C"

Proposed Tariff Sheets

Exhibit "D"

Pipeline Tariff Sheets Used In This Filing

TF0305 0030003P158Third Revised Sheet No. 5 TF04 Second Revised Sheet No. 5 TF05Laren M. Gertsch, Director TF06072909 080109

> STATEMENT OF RATES Effective Rates Applicable to Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, TFL-1 and TIL-1 (Dollars per Dth)

Rate Schedule and Type of Rate	Tarif	ase f Rate Maximum	ACA(2)	Curre Effec Tariff Minimum	-
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Rate Schedule TF-1 (4)(5) Reservation					
(Large Customer)					
System-Wide	.00000	.37984	-	.00000	.37984
15 Year Evergreen Exp.	.00000	.38101	-	.00000	.38101
25 Year Evergreen Exp.	.00000	.36445	-	.00000	.36445
Volumetric					
(Large Customer)					
System-Wide	.00756	.03000	.00170	.00926	.03170
15 Year Evergreen Exp.		.00369	.00170	.00539	.00539
25 Year Evergreen Exp.	.00369	.00369	.00170	.00539	.00539
(Small Customer) (6)	.00756	.67209	.00170	.00926	.67379
Scheduled Overrun	.00756	.40984	.00170	.00926	.41154
Rate Schedule TF-2 (4)(5) Reservation	00000	27004		00000	27004
	.00000	.37984	-	.00000	.37984
Volumetric	.00756	.03000	_	.00756	.03000
Scheduled Daily Overrun	.00756	.40984	-	.00756	.40984
Annual Overrun	.00756	.40984	-	.00756	.40984
Rate Schedule TI-1					
Volumetric (7)	.00756	.40984	.00170	.00926	.41154
Scheduled Overrun	.00756	.40984	.00170	.00926	.41154
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Rate Schedule TFL-1 (4)(5)					
Reservation	-	_	_	-	_
Volumetric	-	-	-	-	-
Scheduled Overrun	-	-	-	-	-
Rate Schedule TIL-1					
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Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation FERC Gas Tariff Third Revised Volume No. 1-A

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 4 Superseding Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 4

STATEMENT OF EFFECTIVE RATES AND CHARGES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS Rate Schedules FTS-1 and LFS-1

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BASE	0.000463	0.000000	0.036632	0.00000	0.000016	0.000016	0.0050%	0.000%
STF(e)	(e)	0.000000	(e)	0.00000	0.000016	0.000016	0.0050%	0.0000%
EXTENS	ION CHARGE	S						
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E-1(f)	0.003290	0.000000	0.005498	0.000000	0.000026	0.000026		
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Issued by: John A Roscher, Director, Rates & Regulatory Affairs Issued on: November 21, 2008 Effective on: January 1, 2009



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Pricing & Tolls - Foothills-BC

TransCanada's Foothills BC 2009 Rates Effective Janua	•	4	Your connect commercial info	tion to	
Service	Tariff Rai	te.	Information Purpo A/BC to Kingsga		
	\$/GJ/km	¢ / GJ/d	¢/Mcf/d	¢/MMBt	
	(Cdn)	(Cdn)	(Cdn)	(US)	
FT Firm Service - Zone 8					
FT Rate	0.0092839355 Monthly	5.2	5.0	6	
IT Interruptible Service -	Zone 8				
IT Rate	0.0003350287 Daily	5.7	6.3	1	

- 1. For information purposes, the maximum Shipper's Haul Distance used in the Shipper's monthly charge for Service calcul 170.7 km.
- 2. Rates are payable in Canadian dollars and GJ units are used for billing purposes. Mcf and MMbtu units are provie information purposes only.
- 3. Conversion Factors below have been used to calculate the rates provided for information purposes:
 - Cdn\$/US\$1.19 subject to change (updated Nov 1/08)¢/GJ to ¢/MMBtux 1.055056¢/GJ to ¢/Mcfat a heat value of 37.8 MJ/m³
- 4. All rates are based on 100% load factor utilization. The IT rate is 110% of the FT rate.
- 5. Rates do not include G.S.T.
- 6. Inquiries regarding the BC System may be directed to:
 - Bruce Newberry at 403.920.5579
 - Dan Morrison at 403.920.6139

Other information for TransCanada's BC System:

Current

- Fuel Rates & Heating Values
- AB Border Heat Values

- Archives
 Rates: 2008 (April 1) 2008 2 |
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 - Fuel Rates & Heating Values
 - AB Border Heat Values

TABLE OF RATES, TOLLS & CHARGES

Service		Rates, Tolls and Charges				
1.	Rate Schedule FT-R	Refer to Attachment "1" for applicable FT-R Demand Rate per month & Surcharge for each Receipt Point				
-		Average Firm Service Receipt Price (AFSRP) \$183.99/10 ³ m ³				
2.	Rate Schedule FT-RN	Refer to Attachment "1" for applicable FT-RN Demand Rate per month & Surcharge for each Receipt Point				
3.	Rate Schedule FT-D	FT-D Demand Rate per month (\$ 4.87/GJ)				
4.	Rate Schedule STFT	STFT Bid Price. Minimum bid of 100% of FT-D Demand Rate				
5.	Rate Schedule FT-DW	FT-DW Bid Price. Minimum bid of 125% of FT-D Demand Rate				
6.	Rate Schedule FT-A	FT-A Commodity Rate \$ 0.50/10 ³ m ³				
7.	Rate Schedule FT-P	Refer to Attachment "2" for applicable FT-P Demand Rate per month				
8.	Rate Schedule LRS	Contract TermEffective LRS Rate (\$/10³m³/day)1-5 years10.286-10 years8.5915 years7.71				
9.	Rate Schedule LRS-2	20 years 6.84 LRS-2 Rate per month \$50,000				
	Rate Schedule LRS-3	LRS-3 Demand Rate per month $$129.55/10^3 \text{m}^3$				
	Rate Schedule IT-R	Refer to Attachment "1" for applicable IT-R Rate & Surcharge for each Receipt Point IT-D Rate \$ 0.1759/GJ				
	Rate Schedule IT-D					
13.	Rate Schedule FCS	The FCS Charge is determined in accordance with Attachment "1" to the applicable Schedule of Service				
14.	Rate Schedule PT	Schedule No PT Rate PT Gas Rate 9006-01000-0 \$ 60.50/d 1.0 10 ³ m ³ /d				
		9009-01001-1 \$660.00/d 50.0 10 ³ m ³ /d				
15.	Rate Schedule OS	Schedule No. Charge				
		2008333534 \$ 212.00 / month				
		2009367515 \$ 45.00 / month				
		2009367513 \$ 90.00 / month 2009227545 \$ 9.00 / month				
		2009227345 \$ 9.00 / month				
		2009367517 \$ 5.00 / month				
		2009367518 \$ 48.00 / month				
		2009367514 \$ 146.00 / month				
		2009369554 \$ 350.00 / month				
		2009367512 \$ 1,671.00 / month				
		2009367516 \$ 18.00 / month				
		2009367441 \$ 43.00 / month				
		2009367265 \$ 169.00 / month				
		2009367442 \$ 88.00 / month				
		2009376113 \$ 185.00 / month				
		2009367266 \$ 9.00 / month				
		2003004522 \$ 83,333.00 / month				
16.	Rate Schedule CO ₂	$\underline{\text{Tier}} \qquad \underline{\text{CO}_2 \text{ Rate } (\$/10^3 \text{m}^3)}$				
	-	1 553.44				
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Effective Date: April 29, 2009 revised pursuant to NEB Order AO-1-TGI-01-2009

www.transcanada.com/Riberta/info_postings/tariff/ 02_2009rates.pdf

Westcoast Energy Inc.

TOLL SCHEDULES - SERVICE

APPENDIX A

DEMAND AND COMMODITY TOLLS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE - SOUTHERN

Firm Transportation Service - Southern

		Demai \$/10 ³	nd Tolls n ³ /mo.			
Service Term	PNG Delivery Point	Inland Delivery Area	Huntingdon Delivery Area	Terasen Kingsvale to Huntingdon*		
1 year	102.97	230.92	454.51	223.58		
2 years	99.97	224.20	441.27	217.07		
3 years	96.97	217.47	428.03	210.56		
4 years	95.97	215.23	423.62	208.39		
5 years or more	94.97	212.99	419.20	206.22		

* For Firm Transportation Service - Southern provided by Westcoast pursuant to a Firm Service Agreement dated April 15, 2002 between Westcoast and Terasen Gas Inc.

Plus the amount of tax on fuel gas consumed in operations payable under the Motor Fuel Tax Act (British Columbia) and the Carbon Tax Act (British Columbia) which is allocated to Shipper by Westcoast for each day in the month.

AOS and Interruptible Transportation Service - Southern

		Commo \$/1	odity Tolls 0 ³ m ³				
Months	PNG Delivery Point	Inland Delivery Area	Huntingdon Delivery Area	Terasen Kingsvale to Huntingdon*			
November to March	4.486	10.062	19.804	9.742			
April to October	3.365	7.546	14.853	7.307			

* For AOS provided by Westcoast pursuant to a Firm Service Agreement dated April 15, 2002 between Westcoast and Terasen Gas Inc.

Plus the amount of tax on fuel gas consumed in operations payable under the Motor Fuel Tax Act (British Columbia) and the Carbon Tax Act (British Columbia) which is allocated to Shipper by Westcoast for each day in the month.

Import Backhaul Service

		Commodity Tolls \$/10 ³ m ³	
Months	Inland Delivery Area		
November to March	9.742	15.318	19.804
April to October	7.307	11.488	14.853

Plus the amount of tax on fuel gas consumed in operations payable under the Motor Fuel Tax Act (British Columbia) and the Carbon Tax Act (British Columbia) which is allocated to Shipper by Westcoast for each day in the month.