

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE AND WAIVER OF CUSTOMER NOTICE RULES REQUESTED BY:**

**Avista Utilities**

(Utility Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Utility UBI Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Utility proposes to change Gas Rate Adjustment Number 155  
(tariff title, price list title, etc.)

Present provisions are: Monthly rate decreases per therm of 4.653 cents for Sch 101, 4.417 cents for Sch 111, 3.005 cents for Sch 121, and 2.923 cents for Sch 131.

Proposed changes are: Revised monthly rate decreases per therm of 8.371 cents for Sch 101, 8.106 cents for Sch 111, 6.917 cents for Sch 121, and 7.274 cents for Sch 131.

Indicate below, or attach, an explanation of the reason the company requests permission to file the proposed provisions with less than statutory notice and to provide notification to customers on less than required notice.

Wholesale natural gas prices have continued to fall since the last PGA and resulted in an additional refund balance in the deferred gas cost account. With the present state of the economy and the higher winter heating bills the Company believes it is appropriate to reduce natural gas rates at this time.

Brian Hirsch Korn, Manager is authorized to issue and file tariffs on behalf Avista Utilities  
(Name and title of issuing agent) (Name of Utility)

*Brian Hirsch Korn* Vice President, State and Federal Regulation  
Signature and Title of Company Officer

I request these provisions become effective on January 16, 2009

*Brian Hirsch Korn* (Date)  
(Signature of Authorized Agent) Manager Retail Pricing  
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ORDER

The Commissioners, having determined this order is consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this order granting the provisions requested above.

DATED and signed at Olympia, Washington, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month and Year)

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Secretary