

# **AVISTA UTILITIES**

2012 Washington PGA Filing

## **EXHIBIT “B”**

Notice of Public Applicant’s Proposed Tariffs

September 13, 2012

AVISTA UTILITIES  
NOTICE OF TARIFF CHANGE  
(Natural Gas Service Only)

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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.

Fifteenth Revision Sheet 155 canceling Fourteenth Revision Sheet 155  
Seventeenth Revision Sheet 156 canceling Sixteenth Revision Sheet 156

The effect of the proposed change is an estimated *decrease* to annual revenue of approximately \$6.5 million or approximately 4.4%.

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>	Estimated Monthly Percentage Increase <Decrease>
Schedule 101	Residential	(\$0.03789)	(4.3%)
Schedule 111	Large General Service	(\$0.03578)	(5.0%)
Schedule 121	Large General Service	(\$0.03574)	(5.7%)
Schedule 131	Interruptible Service	(\$0.04338)	(8.0%)
Schedule 146	Transportation	\$0.00016	0.2%

Earlier in August, Avista filed a separate gas rate adjustment with the UTC, requesting to decrease natural gas rates for residential and small commercial customers by 0.30% or \$0.3 million. This rate adjustment is related to a program that allows Avista to recover a portion of its fixed costs not recovered as a result of lower gas usage by customers. The recovery of these fixed costs allows Avista to increase focus on energy efficiency programs and services for customers.

If the two proposed changes are approved by the UTC, a residential or small commercial customer using an average of 68 therms per month can expect to see a decrease of \$2.74 per month, or about 4.5 percent. The bill for 68 therms would decrease from a present amount of \$60.76 to \$58.02. 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, 2012. A copy of the proposed tariff changes is available for review in the Spokane business office or can be obtained by calling (509) 495-4565 or writing:

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