

**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 d/b/a if different than registered name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Present provisions are: 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.

Proposed changes are: Revised monthly rate decreases per therm of 18.399 cents for Sch 101, 17.855 cents for Sch 111, 15.512 cents for Sch 121, and 15.482 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 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 of Avista Utilities  
(Name and title of issuing agent) (Name of Utility)

*Kelly Norwood* Kelly Norwood, Vice President, State and Federal Regulation  
Signature and Title of Company Officer

I request these provisions become effective on June 1, 2009

*Brian Hirsch Korn* (Date)  
Manager, Retail Pricing  
(Signature of Authorized Agent) (Title)

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**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)

Secretary