

AVISTA UTILITIES

2014 Washington PGA Filing

EXHIBIT “B”

Notice of Public Applicant’s Proposed Tariffs

September 12, 2014



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If the proposed changes are approved by the UTC, a residential or small commercial customer using an average of 65 therms per month can expect to see an increase of \$0.77 per month, or about 1.3 percent. The bill for 65 therms would increase from a present amount of \$61.19 to \$61.96.

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