

## Extra Large General Service

### Rate Schedule 121

(Minimum 60,000 therms per year)

#### Monthly Rate

\$ .39011 per therm for the first 500 therms

\$ .34376 per therm for the next 500 therms

\$ .28941 per therm for the next 9000 therms

\$ .25321 per therm for additional therms

(Minimum Charge is \$195.06, unless a higher minimum is required under contract to cover special conditions.)

#### Example:

If you used 13000 therms of gas your bill would be calculated like this:

\$ .39011 x 500 therms = \$ 195.06

\$ .34376 x 500 = 171.88

\$ .28941 x 9000 = 2,604.69

\$ .25321 x 3000 = 759.63

Charge for 13000 therms = \$3,731.26

Customers served under Schedules 101 and 111 are eligible for service under either Schedule. If you take service under either of these Schedules, and you believe your bill would be considerably less by taking service under the other Schedule for an entire year, please contact one of our customer service representatives at the office shown on your bill.

Rate Schedules 112, 122, 131, 132, 146 and 148 are available, under contract, to large and extra-large gas customers. They are not explained here because of their limited application.

If you have further questions, please contact one of our customer service representatives at the office shown on your bill.



# HOW TO CALCULATE NATURAL GAS BILLS FOR WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS

#### ★ PLEASE NOTE ★

If the days of service shown on your bill are for less than 27 or more than 35 days, your bill may have been prorated.

In this case, the following calculations cannot be used to calculate your monthly bill exactly.

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## About Your Avista Utilities Rates and Bill

Avista Utilities provides rate schedule information and an explanation of billing procedures to help our customers understand how their bills are calculated.

If you wish to calculate your monthly bill:

Find the number of therms you used this month. Your bill shows them under metering information.

Find your rate schedule in this pamphlet. Your bill identifies the rate schedule each meter is billed under.

Compute the charges for your use, following the steps outlined for your rate schedule.

After calculating the charge for your natural gas use, figure and add any city taxes which you pay on gas. They also are identified on your monthly bill.

## Computing Your Use

The method we use to compute your use is described on your bill each month.

Subtract your previous meter reading from your present meter reading.

Multiply the difference by the multifactor shown for your meter.

This is your use for the period. Compute the charges for it by using the rate schedule shown for your meter on your bill.

## City Tax Rates

The current tax rates in Washington towns to which Avista Utilities provides natural gas are:

Airway Heights	6%	Goldendale	5%
Albion	5%	Kettle Falls	6%
Asotin	5%	Lacrosse	6%
Cheney	10%	Medical Lake	6%
Chewelah	5%	Palouse	6%
Clarkston	6%	Pullman	7%
Colfax	6%	Ritzville	6%
Colville	3%	Spokane	4.17%
Connell	6%	Stevenson	3%
Deer Park	6%	Warden	6%

## Explanation of Terms

**Basic Charge:** Customers billed under some rate schedules are charged a fee which helps to pay the basic costs which are a natural part of keeping gas available to all our customers. Examples include meter reading and billing costs and the cost of maintaining company equipment on your premises. The basic charge is added into the total charge for your use.

**Minimum Charge:** If a rate schedule lists a minimum charge we will bill at least that amount each month, even if the actual charges for your use were less than that amount. The minimum charge, like the basic charge, is designed to help pay basic costs of keeping gas available to you.

**Therms:** Your use of gas is billed in units called therms. One therm equals the heating capacity of approximately 100,000 BTUs.

**Multifactor:** Your gas meter measures gas in cubic feet. The heating capacity of a cubic foot of gas varies depending on what source we get it from. In order to bill you only for the heating capacity which your gas provides, we use a multifactor to convert cubic feet into therms. The multifactor varies with differences in the grade of gas we can provide to you.

## General Service

### Rate Schedule 101

#### Monthly Charge

\$4.00 Basic Charge, plus

\$ .37902 per therm

#### Example:

If you used 45 therms of gas your bill would be calculated like this:

Basic Charge = \$ 4.00

\$ .37902 x 45 therms = 17.06

Charge for 45 therms = \$21.06

## Large General Service

### Rate Schedule 111

#### Monthly Rate

\$.39947 per therm for the first 200 therms

\$.34172 per therm for the next 800 therms

\$.28737 per therm for all additional therms

(Minimum Charge is \$79.89)

#### Example:

If you used 1240 therms of gas your bill would be calculated like this:

\$.39947 x 200 therms = \$ 79.89

\$.34172 x 800 = 273.38

\$.28737 x 240 = 68.97

Charge for 1240 therms = \$422.24