AVISTA CORPORATION dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 175 DECOUPLING MECHANISM – NATURAL GAS

PURPOSE:

This Schedule establishes balancing accounts and implements an annual rate adjustment mechanism that decouples or separates the recovery of the Company's Commission authorized revenues from the therm sales to customers served under the applicable natural gas service schedules.

APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Washington where the Company has natural gas service available. This schedule shall be applicable to all retail customers taking service under Schedules 101, 102, 111, 112, 116, 121, 122, 126 and 131. This Schedule does not apply to Schedules 132 and 146 customers (Transportation Service For Customer-Owned Gas) or Schedule 148 customers (Special Contracts). Applicable Customers will be segregated into two (2) distinct Rate Groups:

Group 1 – Schedule 101, 102 Group 2 – Schedules 111, 112, 116, 121, 122, 126, 131

MONTHLY RATE:

Group 1 – \$0.00420 per therm Group 2 – \$0.01841 per therm

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