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December 3, 2021

Commission Secretary  
State of Idaho  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Building 8, Suite 201-A  
Boise, Idaho 83702-5983

Case No. AVU-G-21-0\_\_\_\_

**I.P.U.C. No. 27 – Natural Gas Service**

In accordance with Case No. GNR-U-20-01, Order No. 34602, which suspends the requirement to file physical copies, the Company has attached for electronic filing with the Commission are the following revised tariff sheet:

**Thirtieth Revision Sheet 150 canceling Twenty-Ninth Revision Sheet 150**

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and seven copies of the “Application of Avista Utilities for an Order Approving a Change in Natural Gas Rates and Charges”. The revised tariff sheet included in the Company’s filing reflects an update to the Commodity WACOG for the Company’s Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (“PGA”). If approved, the Company’s annual revenue will *increase* by approximately \$3.3 million or approximately 8.1%. The proposed changes have no effect on the Company’s earnings. Detailed information related to the Company’s request is included in the attached Application and supporting workpapers.

If the Company’s request is approved, a residential or small commercial customer using an average of 63 therms for the period January – October 2022 will see an *increase* of \$3.93 per month, or approximately 7.6%. The present bill for 63 therms is \$51.93 while the proposed bill is \$55.86.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Joe Miller at (509) 495-4546 or Marcus Garbarino at (509) 495-2567.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Patrick D. Ehrbar*

Patrick D. Ehrbar  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

**Important Notice for Idaho Customers  
(December 2021)**

Avista has filed a Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) rate adjustment request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission), that if approved, is designed to increase overall natural gas revenue by approximately \$3.3 million or 8.1% effective Feb. 1, 2022. This filing has no impact on Avista's earnings.

The PGA is filed annually to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount presently included in customer's rates. PGAs ensure that customers pay what Avista pays for natural gas, only at a more predictable and stable rate throughout the year. Avista made its annual PGA filing earlier this year and new rates went into effect on Sept. 1.

Since that time, the price of wholesale natural gas has continued to rise. Due to this increase of wholesale natural gas prices, Avista is proposing a rate adjustment that more closely aligns the actual cost of what Avista is presently paying for wholesale natural gas with the cost of natural gas included in customer rates.

About 40% of an Avista natural gas customer's bill is the combined cost of purchasing natural gas on the wholesale market and transporting it to Avista's system. These costs fluctuate up and down based on market prices, of which Avista cannot control. Importantly, Avista does not make a profit on, or markup, the wholesale cost of natural gas; what Avista pays is what is passed through to customers, dollar for dollar.

**Natural Gas Customer Bills**

If approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using a monthly average of 63 therms would see their bills increase \$3.93 or approximately 7.6%, from \$51.93 to \$55.86 per month effective Feb. 1, 2022.

Net effect on an annual revenue basis by rate schedule would be:

General Service - Schedule 101	7.2%
Large General Service - Schedules 111 & 112	11.0%
Transportation Service - Schedule 146	0.0%
Overall	8.1%

**Rate Application Procedure**

The Company's applications are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. Copies of the applications are available for public review on the Commission's website ([www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov)). Customers may file with the Commission written comments related to the Company's filings. Customers may also subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed (<https://puc.idaho.gov/RssPage>) to receive periodic updates via e-mail about the case. Copies of rate filings are also available on our website, [www.myavista.com/rates](http://www.myavista.com/rates).

If you would like to submit comments on the proposed rate change, you can do so by going to the Commission website or mailing comments to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Avista offers a number of programs and services to help customers manage their energy use and costs. Visit [www.myavista.com](http://www.myavista.com) for information on these programs which include Comfort Level Billing, bill payment options, automated payment service, assistance programs, conservation tips, and energy efficiency rebates.

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AVISTA CORPORATION  
d/b/a Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 150  
PURCHASE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - IDAHO

APPLICABLE:

To Customers in the State of Idaho where Company has natural gas service available.

PURPOSE:

To pass through changes in costs resulting from purchasing and transporting natural gas, to become effective as noted below.

RATE:

- (a) The retail rates of firm gas Schedules 101, 111 and 112 are to be increased by 35.783¢ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by 26.540¢ per therm.
- (c) The rate for transportation under Schedule 146 is to be decreased by 0.000¢ per therm.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE GAS COST:

The above rate changes are based on the following weighted average cost of gas per therm as of the effective date shown below:

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	9.243¢	26.540¢	35.783¢
Schedules 111 and 112	9.243¢	26.540¢	35.783¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	26.540¢	26.540¢

**The above amounts include a gross revenue factor.**

	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	9.203¢	26.424¢	35.627¢
Schedules 111 and 112	9.203¢	26.424¢	35.627¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	26.424¢	26.424¢

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BALANCING ACCOUNT:

The Company will maintain a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) Balancing Account whereby monthly entries into this Balancing Account will be made to reflect differences between the actual purchased gas costs collected from customers and the actual purchased gas costs incurred by the Company. Those differences are then collected from or refunded to customers under Schedule 155 – Gas Rate Adjustment.

Issued December 3, 2021

Effective February 1, 2022

Issued by Avista Utilities  
By

Patrick Ehrbar – Director of Regulatory Affairs



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**PURPOSE:**

To pass through changes in costs resulting from purchasing and transporting natural gas, to become effective as noted below.

**RATE:**

- (a) The retail rates of firm gas Schedules 101, 111 and 112 are to be increased by ~~29.548¢~~ per therm in all blocks of these rate schedules.
- (b) The rates of interruptible Schedules 131 and 132 are to be increased by ~~20.305¢~~ per therm.
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	Demand	Commodity	Total
Schedules 101	9.203¢	20.217¢	29.420¢
Schedules 111 and 112	9.203¢	20.217¢	29.420¢
Schedules 131 and 132	0.000¢	20.217¢	20.217¢

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