

AVISTA CORPORATION
dba Avista Utilities

SCHEDULE 440

INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS SERVICE
FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL - OREGON

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable, subject to interruptions in capacity and supply, for large commercial and industrial use where capacity in excess of the existing requirements of firm sales and transportation customers exists in the Company's system. Customers served under this schedule must use a minimum of 50,000 therms annually.

TERRITORY:

This schedule is applicable to the entire territory in the State of Oregon served by the Company.

THERM:

The word "therm" means one hundred thousand British Thermal Units (100,000 B.T.U.).

RATES:

Per Meter
Per Month

Customer Charge:

\$125.00

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Commodity Charge Per Therm:
Base Rate

\$0.11807

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OTHER CHARGES:

The above Monthly Rates are subject to increases or decreases as set forth in Schedule 461 – Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Schedule 462 – Gas Cost Rate Adjustment, Schedule 475 – Decoupling Mechanism, Schedule 476 – Intervenor Funding, Schedule 477 – Residual Deferral Account, Schedule 482 – Regulatory Fee Adjustment, Schedule 486 – Tax Customer Credit, Schedule 487 – Deferred Tax Credit, Schedule 493 – Low Income Rate Assistance Program and any other charges approved by the Commission.

ANNUAL MINIMUM CHARGE:

Each Customer shall be subject to an Annual Minimum Charge if their gas usage during the prior year does not equal or exceed 50,000 therms. Such Annual Minimum Charge shall be determined by subtracting their actual usage for a twelve-month period from 50,000 therms multiplied by 11.807 cents per therm.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The above Commodity Charge Per Therm is subject to the provisions of "Other Charges" listed above.

2. Service under this schedule is subject to the provisions of a service agreement for a term of one year or longer.

3. Service under this schedule is not available to any Customer who has requested protection from curtailment. A Customer receiving service under this schedule may only obtain protection from curtailment by requesting transfer to the appropriate firm rate schedule of the Company, for the minimum term specified therein.

4. As a condition precedent to service under this schedule, an executed agreement with Avista ("Company") is required specifying quantity requirements and other terms and conditions as hereinafter provided.

5. Service under this schedule shall be subject to interruption at such times and in such amounts as, in the Company's judgment, interruption is necessary. Avista will not be liable for damages occasioned by interruption of service supplied under this schedule. In addition, service under this schedule shall be subject to Curtailment conditions in accordance with the Company's Rule 14, "Plan for Natural Gas Service Curtailment."

6. Avista recommends that the Customer, at their expense, provide and maintain standby facilities to continue operations with a substitute fuel in the event of partial Curtailment or total interruption of the natural gas supply. In the event that the Customer does not have adequate standby facilities, Avista will not be liable for damages occasioned by the curtailment or interruption of service supplied under this schedule.

7. Natural gas service supplied under this schedule shall not be interchangeable with any other natural gas service available from Company.

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8. Upon the request of Avista, Customer shall read the Company's meter at the beginning of each day and report said reading to Avista daily; further, Customer shall from time to time submit estimates of its daily, monthly and annual volumes of natural gas required hereunder, including peak day requirements, together with such other operating data as Avista may require in order to schedule its operations and to meet its system requirements.

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9. Customers served under this schedule who desire to change rate schedules must provide written notice to the Company at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the desired schedule change. At the Company's sole discretion, it may grant a Customer's request to transfer to a firm sales service schedule with less than ninety (90) days' notice. The availability for a Customer to change to a firm sales service schedule will be based on Avista's sole judgement that the existing distribution system has capacity adequate for the service requested by Customer. In the event that there is no availability for the Customer to change to a firm sales service schedule on their desired date due to capacity or natural gas supply constraints, Avista will provide an estimated date for when the Customer is able to change schedules.

10. Customers served under this schedule who desire to change to a transportation service schedule must meet the terms and conditions specified in Rule 21, "Natural Gas Transportation Service Terms and Conditions", and provide written notice to the Company at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the schedule change.

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11. The applicability clause shown above will not apply to any customer taking service on or before August 1, 1990.

12. Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in all applicable Schedules and Rules of Avista's tariff book P.U.C. OR. No. 5.

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