

AVISTA CORPORATION
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SCHEDULE 151

NATURAL GAS EXTENSION POLICY - WASHINGTON

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AVAILABLE:

For service piping or main extensions to the Company's distribution facilities where there is available, or will be made available, adequate capacity for the service requested, elevation and construction conditions permit and one or more bona fide, prospective customers make application for an extension thereof for permanent service.

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APPLICABLE:

To service piping or main extensions installed, owned, operated and maintained by the Company.

DEFINITIONS:

"Extension" shall be the distribution main, pressure regulating devices, service piping and appurtenances required to connect existing facilities of the Company, having capacity adequate to supply the gas service requested, to the "meter location."

"Meter Location" shall be the point at which gas shall be delivered to and received by the applicant, shall be out-of-doors, and shall be at a point designated by the Company subject to the applicant's approval, provided that the length of service piping shall not exceed, by more than ten feet, the shortest distance between the Company's distribution main and the building to be served.

"Extension Cost" shall be the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing an extension.

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"Annual Margin Per Customer" shall be the sum of twelve months of the basic or minimum charges plus the decoupled revenue per customer as determined by the Commission and administered through Schedule 175, "Decoupling Mechanism – Natural Gas".

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ACCESS TO PREMISES:

The applicant shall grant to the Company the right to enter and exit the Customer's property, and the right to remove (and replace) or otherwise disturb, lawns, shrubs or other property on the applicant's premises as reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing an extension hereunder. The Company's agents and employees shall have access at all reasonable times for reading, inspecting, constructing, reconstructing, repairing and removing the Company's meters, metering equipment and natural gas facilities. All necessary right-of-way assignments, easements and permits across other properties will be secured at no cost to the Company before the Company constructs the line extension.

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SCHEDULE 151A - Continued

EXTENSION RULES:

Before the start of construction, the Customer must submit a written application for service and pay an extension cost to the Company which is computed as follows:

- Line Extension Cost
- Cost Reductions
- Allowance
- = Extension cost

1) "Line Extension Cost" is the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing natural gas facilities.

2) "Cost Reduction" is a decrease allowed when the Company allows the Customer to do some of the work (i.e., constructing the ditch). All facilities provided by the Customer must meet the Company's specifications.

3) "Allowance" is a credit to each new Customer. The Allowance shall be the sum of twelve months of the basic or minimum charges plus the decoupled revenue per customer as determined by the Commission and administered through Schedule 175, "Decoupling Mechanism – Natural Gas", divided by the Commission-approved pre-tax rate of return.

The allowance for Schedules 111/112/116 and 121/122/126 will be determined in the same manner as for Schedule 101, but will be divided by the average usage for those schedules, individually, to determine a per therm allowance rate. The Allowance will be calculated using the rates and charges in effect at the time a customer requests service, and will not change should the Allowance values change during the first twelve months the customer takes service.

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ALLOWANCE

- Schedule 101 Customer: \$4,678
- Schedule 111/112/116 Customer: \$3.44 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)
- Schedule 121/122/126 Customer: \$2.65 per first year therm (as calculated by Avista)
- Schedules 131, 132 & 146: Calculated on a case-by-case basis by Avista

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EXCEPTION: The Company will not grant an immediate Allowance if the Company, in its sole judgment, determines that the load will be in service less than five years.

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