

AVISTA CORPORATION  
dba Avista Utilities

## SCHEDULE 154

### Rural Gas Service Connections - Washington (From facilities operating at pressure of 75 pounds gage or more)

**AVAILABLE:** For connection to and supply of gas from facilities existing in unincorporated areas where there is available, or will be made available, to the Company for resale a volume of gas adequate for the service requested, elevation and construction conditions permit and one or more bona fide, prospective residential or farm customers make application for gas service for permanent, continuing uses.

**APPLICABLE:** To service connections to be furnished, installed, owned, maintained, and operated by the Company to supply gas service, in rural areas, from facilities operating at pressure of 75 pounds gage or more.

#### DEFINITIONS:

"Service Connection" shall be the pipe tap, shut-off valve, pressure reducing device(s), automatic relief valve, meter, odorizer, enclosing facility, appurtenances and service pipe, 1 inch or smaller, extending from the existing main for a distance not in excess of 100 feet per customer, provided, however, that where said main is located on the right of way of a public road, said 100 feet shall be taken as beginning at the center of such right of way.

"Location of Service Connection" shall be at a point designated by the Company.

"Service Connection Cost" shall be the Company's estimate of the cost of furnishing and installing a service connection.

"Annual Revenue" shall be the Company's estimate of the annual payments under the applicable rate for the gas service requested.

"Customer Service Line" shall be the pipe and appurtenances beginning at the end of the Company's service connection and extending to the point or points of utilization, including pressure reducing device(s) with built-in automatic shut-off, all of which shall be of a size and type conforming to the Company's specifications.

"Point of Delivery" shall be the point at which the customer service line joins the service connection, and shall be the point at which gas shall be delivered to and received by the customer.

"Meter Location" shall be at the outlet side of the Company's pressure reducing device(s) provided, however, that the Company, at its option, may install its meter on or adjacent to the premises of the customer.

"Delivery Pressure" - Gas service hereunder shall be delivered to the customer service line at a pressure determined by the Company to be adequate for the service requested.

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SCHEDULE 154A - continued

SERVICE CONNECTION RULES:

1. The Company, at its expense, will furnish, install, maintain and operate a service connection provided:
  - a. The annual revenue therefrom is not less than one-third the service connection cost.
  - b. The applicant executes an Agreement for Gas Extension and Gas Service.
  - c. The applicant, at his expense, installs and owns a safe and adequate customer service line.
  - d. The applicant, at his expense, furnishes all necessary right of way.
  - e. The applicant pays to the Company the advance, if any, required under paragraph 5 hereof.
2. The Company shall not be required to install a service connection until the customer service line has been installed, nor be required to install or connect its facility to said customer service line when such work will be hampered by adverse weather, road, ground or operating conditions.
3. The applicant shall be solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of his customer service line, all pipes leading therefrom, and all devices and appurtenances (including but not limited to pressure reducing devices, appliances, chimneys, flues, etc.) required in connection with the safe and proper use or possession of the gas delivered into said customer service line.
4. The Company will exercise reasonable diligence in attending and maintaining its service connection equipment installed under this schedule. It shall be recognized, however, that the Company may be unable, from time to time, to service said equipment to the same degree that it is able to do so in urban areas and there may be occasions when due to weather or other causes the delivery of gas into the customer's service line may be interrupted.
5. The Company may require applicant(s) to advance to the Company a sum equal to the Annual Revenue. The Company will not pay interest on said advance. Said advance shall be applied by the Company as payment of the applicable monthly charges beginning when the use of service is established by the applicant or two (2) months from the date service is first made available to applicant's premises, whichever is the earlier.
6. Upon request of the Company, customer(s) receiving service made available pursuant to this schedule, shall read the meter, each month, on the date designated by the Company and promptly report said reading to the Company.
7. In any month when meter is not read bill will be rendered based on estimated consumption. When a meter reading shows actual consumptions greater than (or less than) the estimated consumptions billed, such difference will be billed (or credited) as though used during that month in which the meter was read.

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SCHEDULE 154B - continued

SERVICE CONNECTION RULES - continued:

8. Except as otherwise provided herein, gas service hereunder shall be supplied in accordance with and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Company, governing gas service, on file with the regulatory commission having jurisdiction and in effect at the time gas service is delivered hereunder.

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