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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Application of AVISTA)
UTILITIES for Out-of-Cycle Gas Cost)
Adjustment Filing.) ORDER

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION APPROVED

On March 11, 2002, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) received an application from Avista Utilities, proposing a rate decrease, effective April 2, 2002, along with an application for a LSN. The filing consisted of changes in purchased gas costs only. The filing requested an overall revenue decrease of 15.3%, or \$12.5 million annually.

Based on a review of the applications and the Commission's records, the Commission finds that the applications satisfy applicable statutes and administrative rules. At its public meeting on April 1, 2002, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve the applications. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Avista's request for waiver of the 30-day notice requirement (LSN) is approved.
2. The amortization of deferred accounts, base gas cost changes, and rate changes requested in Docket No. UE 148 are effective as of April 2, 2002.

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3. The associated tariff sheets of Advice No. 02-1-G are effective as of April 2, 2002.

Made, entered and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.