

AVISTA CORPORATION  
dba Avista Utilities

## SCHEDULE 180

WASHINGTON  
METER READING AND BILLING PRACTICE

1. The normal monthly billing period shall be approximately 30 days between meter readings as scheduled by the Company. However, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or some other unusual situation may alter the normal billing period. In such situations, natural gas service covering 27 to 35 days inclusive will be billed as a normal billing period.

2. The Company reserves the right to modify meter reading schedules as required by changing conditions.

3. When other than normal billing periods are caused by the Customer; i.e., opening (or closing) an account, consumptions for 15 days or less will be treated as an addition to the next (or previous) normal billing period, whichever is applicable, and the total billed on the basis of a normal billing period; consumptions for 16 days or more will be billed as a normal billing period.

4. When other than normal billing periods are caused by the Company, due to modification of meter reading schedules as required by changing conditions, services will be billed on a normal billing period basis, or prorated, whichever produces the smaller bill.

5. The Company may estimate meter readings for fractional month's use and render bills based on these estimated readings.

6. Where the Company's meter reader is unable to gain access to the premises to read the meter on his regular meter trip, the Company may estimate meter readings or request the Customer to send in the meter reading on a post card furnished by the Company.

7. If a meter has stopped registering, or otherwise fails to correctly register the amount of natural gas supplied to a Customer, the Company, using the best available information, will estimate the amount of natural gas supplied and will render a bill based on such estimate.

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